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Basnett warning to unions

Trade unions must recognize that Labour is no longer the automatic choice as an alternative government and they needed to face "unpalatable facts" about future policies and strategy. Mr David Basnett. general secretary of the General. Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trade Union. says today in his union's journal Page 2

Suicide in court

The suicide of a left-wing Turkish activist who threw himself from a Berlin courtroom window has unleashed a furore over West Germany's . tough immigration policy Page 5

Crime 'ignored'

People on some London housing estates fail to report quite serious crimes for fear of reprisals from a "lawless minority". the Metropolitan Police Commissioner said Page 12

Dollar weakens

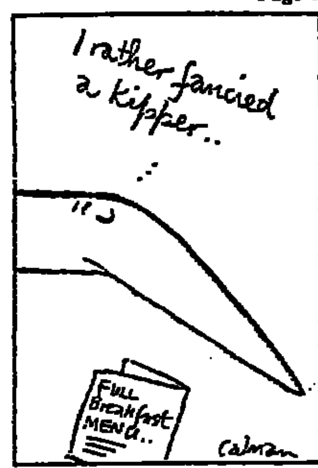
The dollar surged on foreign exchange markets. but weakened in New York after the Federal Reserve Board injected $1.5bn (£1bn) of reserves into the system Page 15

Refinery fire

More than 120 firemen fought most of the day and into the night to control a fire in an oil storage tank at Amoco's Milford Haven refinery.

Surprise ally

Britain found an unexpected ally in Denmark when EEC ministers met in Brussels to confront the threat of Community bankruptcy Page 4



Willis stays

Bob Willis has been reappointed England captain for their winter tour to Fiji, New Zealand and Pakistan Page 18

Begin's decision to quit leaves Israel without a leader

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

An intensive and destabilizing period of political bargaining is under way in Ismel to find an agreed successor to Mr Menachem Begin. the country's sixth Prime Minister. who announced yesterday beyond any remaining doubt that he is standing down.

The start of the complex process designed to find an alternative leader for the shaky Likud coalition capable of securing a parliamentary majority coincided with Israel's agreement to a second. brief postponement in the redeployment of its occupying troops in Lebanon.

The agreement to delay the pull-back – which had been scheduled to start at first light toiday – came after an urgent request from President Reagan transmitted by his special envoy. Mr Robert McFarlane. It was announced on Israel's army radio network. which explained only that it would be for "a very limited period".

Mr Begin's final decision to retire from political life at the age of 70 – as he first foreshadowed some six years ago – was communicated to coalition leaders during an emotional. two-hour meeting. Afterwards, one of the participants said: "It is a very say day. But we could see there was no longer any point in trying to persuade him to stay on."

In an effort to thwart any efforts by the opposition Labour Party to put together a rival coalition. Mr Begin acceded to a request from his ministers for a short delay before handing his resignation letter to the Israeli President. Mr Chaim Herzog. It was unclear whether this will be for days or weeks.

The Likud leaders hope that the interregnum will be sufficient for them to build a new coalition, but it was no means certain they would succeed without the invaluable political cement provided by the personality of Mr Begin – even during his last months of personal decline.

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could be found without a political struggle diminished when Mr David Levy. the deputy prime minister. announced there would be "more than one" contender. Earlier, it had been suggested by backers of the front-runner, Mr Yitzhak Shamir. the Foreign Minister. that Mr Levy had agreed to a No 2 position.

At the age of 67. Mr Shamir was seen by observers as the uncharismatic stop-gap candidate who might hold the coalition together. but who would be unlikely to win many votes. Mr Levy, a Sephardic Jew. has a much more popular following but is opposed by certain coalition members whose support is vital to secure the necessary 61 votes in the 120-member Parliament.

One plan being canvassed was to restore Mr Ariel Sharon. the discredited former Defence Minister. to the chairmanship of the influential cabinet committee responsible for expanding Jewish settlements in the occupied territories.

Although the Labour Party with 50 seats has more deputies than the Likud with 48. it would be powerless to form a new government if sufficient minor parties agreed to stick by the Likud under Mr Begin's successor. To do so, they may be expected to ask for extra concessions for their own sectional and religious interests.

By last night, as the haggling got under way both in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, many Israeli commentators argued that the most likely outcome of Mr Begin's departure will be a move to bring the next general election forward from 1985 to a new date early next year.

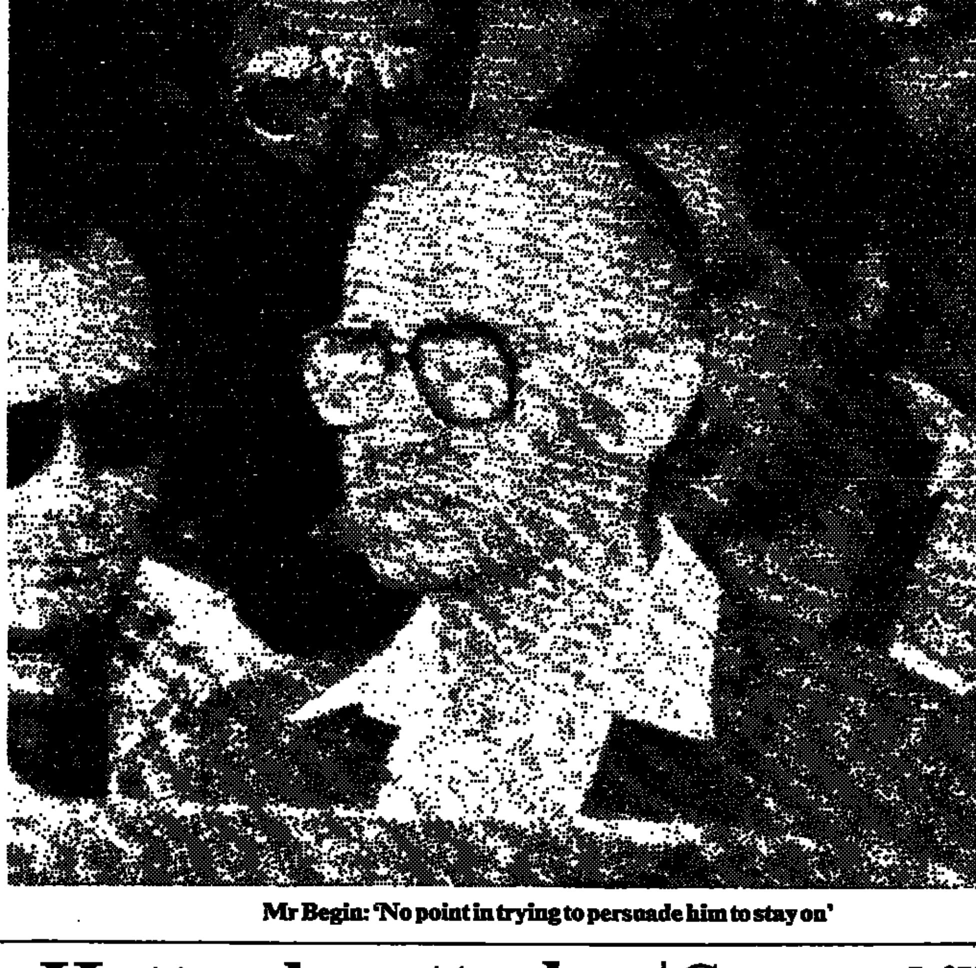
The uncertainty which the resignation will encourage both inside Israel and in the Middle East has increased international concern about the region's immediate future. Western diplomats here found it hard to see the delay in Israel's redeployment extending beyond a few days or weeks at the most.

The closeness to which the pullback had already come was shown by the fact that television cameramen selected to film the operation on a pooled basis had already been dispatched northwards. Public pressure remains intense for the redeployment to go ahead as soon as possible.

After yesterday's meeting with Mr Begin, the conviction grew that he was retiring because of mental and physical fatigue, rather than any political reason. "He told us simply that he felt he was not able to continue," explained Rabbi Shlomo Lorenz of the Agudat Israel Party. "He said that it was a personal matter, that he just could not go on."

Mr Uri Porat, the Prime Minister's press secretaru, confirmed that .r Begin would be

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Mr Begin: 'No point in trying to persuade him to stay on'

Micro boom's first victim

By Clive Cookson Technology Correspondent

Britain's home computer boom has claimed its first corporate victim.

Grundy Business Systems, manufacturer of the NewBrain microcomputer designed originally by Sir Clive Sinclair, is to go into liquidation. Sales success last year tempted the company, which is 30 per cent state owned, to expand too fast.

"Severe cash flow problems" forced the board to recommend winding up Grundy Business Systems, Mr Anthony Wheeler, finance director, said. A creditors' meeting has been called for next week to appoint a liquidator.

NewBrain has perhaps the most chequered history of all British micros. It originated in the late 1970s as a research project in Sir Clive's former company, Sinclair Radionics.

When he left Radionics in 1979 to start his present firm, Sinclair Research, the project was transferred to Newbury Laboratories, a subsidiary of the National Enterprise Board.

The computer just missed being chosen as the BBC Micro in 1981. The BBC selected NewBrain unofficially as the machine it wanted to adopt for its television series on home computing, but at about the same time Newbury Laboratories decided to concentrate on manufacturing peripherals (printers and disc drives) and it sold NewBrain to Grundy.

During that period of uncertainty the BBC gave the contract instead to Acorn Computers, for whom the BBC Micro has proved a great success.

Grundy Business Systems, a company owned 70 per cent by the private Grundy Group and 30 per cent by the government's British Technology Group, finally launched NewBrain in May, 1982, with a price tag of £199 and "the confident claim of being the most powerful hand-held microcomputer in the world."

NewBrain was an immediate success, with demand running ahead of supply, and by January this year it had become one of Britain's most popular micros, selling up to 5,000 a month.

On the basis of that success Grundy made what turned out to be the fatal mistake of expanding production rapidly to meet an anticipated NewBrain boom this year.

Sales declined and the slump was made worse by the company's delay in delivering a promised disc system that would have given NewBrain users access to far more software.

Mr Wheeler remained optimistic last night that the company could still find a buyer. "On the basis of the product I think we have a very good chance," he said. "But time is running out. Someone would have to be found within the next two to three weeks."

NewBrain was assembled under contract by Thorn-EMI at its Datatech factory in Feltham, west London. Grundy Business Systems directly employs only about 30 people at its two bases in Cambridge and Teddington. Most of them will be laid off today.

Hattersley attacks 'ticket for defeat'

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Roy Hattersley said last night that the Labour Party would guarantee yet another general election defeat if it was stupid enough to elect a joint Kinnock-Meacher leadership ticket at the party conference on October 2.

Mr Kinnock's main challenger for the leadership said in an interview on Radio Clyde "If Neil Kinnock was elected leader and then Michael Meacher was elected deputy, there would be people who were actually saying and voting for the proposition that they didn't want a compromise within the party; they didn't want a balanced leadership; they didn't want the broad church; they wanted exclusive bretheren; they wanted a very narrow view of the Labour Party's philosophy and belief."

He then added: "I don't believe that the Labour Party would be stupid enough to do that because to do that would be to throw away any chance of winning the next general election."



Mr Hattersley and Mr Meacher: Challenge is growing

Mr Hattersley's words are more remarkable because he has so far refused to rise to the deputy leadership challenge posed by Mr Meacher, preferring instead to concentrate on the contest with Mr Kinnock for the leadership.

Mr Meacher himself said on August 10 that the so-called "dress ticket" of Mr Kinnock and Mr Hattersley was a recipe for continued destructive internal party wrangling.

But the finality of Mr Hattersley's words, talking of the party throwing away "any chance" of winning an election puts his comments into a different political league.

Some MPs might take his views as an indication of the strength of Mr Meacher's challenge and the growing realization that Mr Hattersley faces defeat in the two contests. But, if Mr Hattersley also feels that such a result would mean the end of Labour consensus, that could raise doubts over his future role in the party.

However, in a separate interview, Mr Hattersley predicted last night that he will win the Labour leadership contest if the seven uncommitted unions follow the wishes of their members. He conceded that Mr Kinnock is currently ahead in the race but, during an interview on Scottish Television, he refused to admit defeat. "Nobody knows who is going to win, nor will they, I think, until the evening of October 2. The sensible newspapers describe Neil Kinnock as the front runner. He certainly is.

"But it's a long race, it's a five week race still

Meanwhile, it became clear yesterday that Mr Meacher has taken a calculated decision to rid himself of the damaging public image that he is a political cypher of Mr Wedgwood Benn.

A number of Mr Meacher's close political colleagues were yesterday taking exception to the "hard left" and "Bennite" labels which have been applied to the deputy leadership candidate in recent weeks, seeing them as a deliberate attempt by some sections of the press to "smear" Mr Meacher by association.

He had been a close supporter and friend of Mr Benn, but that did not mean that they agreed on all things. Mr Meacher's conversion to the view that a Labour government should test public opinion on the unilateral renunciation of polaris, if necessary by referendum. was cited as an example of his political individuality.

Gunmen kill general in Santiago

Santiago (Reuter) – Unidentified gunmen yesterday shot dead the Chief Administrator of Santiago, a retired general, two days after President Augusto Pinochet lifted a state of emergency following bloody protests against military rule in Chile.

Major-General Carol Urzia, aged 57, was killed not far from his home when attackers opened fire on his car with a machine gun from the back of a pickup truck, a government staement said.

His driver and his escort, were also killed in the burst of gunfire at 9.15 am in a smart suburb of Santiago. A news agency said more than 60 bullets hit the car. Police said the pickup ruck was found nearby.

Police sealed off the area, threw up roadblocks on roads out of Santiago and mounted special controls at the airport. Helicopters swept low over rooftops.

It was the most serious attack against a member of the armed forces since President Pinochet took power in a coup 10 years ago.

His recently appointed Interior Minister Señor Sergio Jarpa, has begun political reforms on a small-scale.

Señor Jarpa, visiting Buenos Aires, expressed "profound consternation" at the killing, but said it would not interfere with the process of gradual political liberalization.

He described the assassination as "an isolated case", which did not justify reimposing the state of emergency.

The killing was described by the Government as the work of extremist terrorist elements.

British troops under fire for first time in Lebanon

From Kate Dovrian, Beirut

The British contingent of the multinational peacekeeping force in Beirut came under attack for the. first time .yesterday as the Lebanese Army battled against an alliance of Shia Muslim and Druze militias for the third consecutive day. The French also came under fire and one soldier was killed and two others wounded, but there were no casualties among the British troops.

The attack on the British patrol happened near the Galerie Semaan crossing point between the east and west sectors of the city while Colonel David Roberts, commander on the Queen's Dragoon Guards, was driving in a Land-Rover escorted by four Ferret scout cars. The convoy was sprayed with bullets and rocket-propelled grenades. one of which exploded in front of Colonel Roberts's vehicle, according to Major Stuart Bennet, a spokesman for the British contingent.

Colonel Roberts could not be reached for comment at his headquarters in Hadath as electricity cuts in Beirut had disrupted telephone circuits. The British commander had been on his way to a meeting with Mr Richard Palmer. the British chargé d'affaires at the Embassy here.

Major Alain de Lestrade, spokesman for the 2.000-man French contingent of the peacekeeping force said that unknown attackers had opened fire on a French water tanker, also near the Galerie Semaan, damaging the vehicle with what he described as "a medium or large calibre projectile".

The Reagan Administration has made clear that there will be no immediate change in the status of US participation in the Lebanon multinational peacekeeping force, despite congressional pressure to invoke the 1973 War Powers Act, which would enable the marines to be withdrawn within 60 to 90 days **Page 4**

Major Bennett said no one was injured in the attack. Colonel Roberts had later been informed that one of the wounded French soldiers was in need of "A" negative blood at Al Hayat hospital. In a show of militaryt solidarity. Colonel Roberts radioed headquarters. discovered two British soldiers with the same. blood type and sent them to the hospital.

On Monday. two American Marines were killed and 14 wounded in shelling and rocket attacks on Beirut airport, where the 1,200-man US Marine contingent is based. It was not clear if the two attacks yesterday and the shelling of the Airport were related.

By Tuesday afternoon, militiamen were on top of the damaged Holiday Inn hotel near the sea front and the radio said they were sniping at Marine units stationed near the former American Embassy, which was bombed last April.

United States Navy Cobra helicopters hovered low as the sniping went on and Marines with binoculars were trying to pin down the sources of fire.

For the first time, the United States aircraft carrier Eisenhower was sighted yesterday off the Beirut coast. Major Bob Jordan, a spokesman for the Marines said the vessel had been in the area for "some time" and had been involved in joint manoeuvres between the Egyptians and Americans in Egypt.

He said the aircraft carrier had moved to a position closer to Beirut as "support".

Lebanese Army units in various parts of the capital were attacked and the Voice of Lebanon radio, run by the right-wing Phalange Party, reported it had received calls from residents in west Beirut claiming militiamen had been storming homes, looting and plundering as they went along.

UN chief in London for Falklands talks

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Señor Javier Pere de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary General, arrived in London yesterday and will have talks with Sir Geoffrey Howe. the Foreign Secretary. on the future of the Falkland Islands when they meet today for the first time.

However Señor Pérez de Cuéllar is unlikely to get any change out of Sir Geoffrey before next month's debate at the UN General Assembly in New York.

The Secretary General has been mandated by the General Assembly to help to find a solution to the issue of sovereignty. Argentina is eager for him to intervene, according to UN sources, and he is now exploring the British position.

The Foreign Office reacted coolly to Argentina's call for a resumption of talks earlier this month and is likely to make a similar response today, pointing out that no negotiations can be contemplated at least until Argentina announces a formal end to hostilities.

Officials expect no more than an exchange of views rather than an initiative from either side.

The meeting is at the suggestion of Sir Geoffrey who is anxious to hear details of the Secretary General's five-day visit to southern Africa from which he has just returned. During the visit he tried to find ways towards a settlement on the long-running dispute over Namibia.

Closure threat to six colleges

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Six colleges are threatened with colsure in cuts recommended yesterday by a Government advisory body, but their names are to remain secret unless the colleges declare their involvement.

The plan for polytechnics and colleges, which are funded by local councils, has been drawn up over the past 11 months by officers of the National Advisoyr Body (NAB) for local authority higher education. It is the first time that such an exercise has been conducted, and it is seen as an attempt to do in the public sector what was done two years ago in the universities.

It reveals shift from the humanities, which are to receive less money and fewer students in 1984, towards mathematics and science courses. London and the south east are penalized in favour of the rest of the country.

Officers have also recommended a movement from degree to sub-degree courses, and have signalled a build-up in part-time students – up by 6,000 full-time equivalents – next year.

Details of the plan, and about how each polytechnic and college would fare assuming a 10 per cent in funding, were received by more than 200 institutions yesterday. An extra letter was sent to the "some half-dozen or so" colleges which Mr .christopher Ball, chairman of NAB's board and warden of Keble College, Oxford, said were in jeopardy.

Comments have to be received by September 19. The plan goes to the NAB board in October and the NAB committee in November before being submitted to the Secretary of state for education.

The officers say they took into account such factors as whether a subject was needed, regional demands quality and cost-effectiveness.

The Inner London Education Authority said strenuous representations would be made because it did not accept any of the NAB's calculations.

Mr Neil Stewart, president of the National Union of Students, said the NUS would, if necessary, challenge in court the Council for Academic Awards' power to validate courses in colleges as being of the same standard as those in universities in the light of the proposed cuts.

Channel 4 in line for £100m subsidy

From David Hewson, Edinburgh

Channel 4 will need a subsidy of at least £100m this year with a large part of it taking the form of lost contributions to the Exchequer.

The deficit on the channel was revealed by Mr Brian Tesler, managing director of London Weekend Television, yesterday. Speaking at the Edinburgh International Television Festival he described the cost of funding Channel 4 as the biggest problem facing the ITV companies at the moment.

According to Mr Tesler's estimates, the channel this year will cost ITV £123m in subscriptions, £20m in increased equipment rental to the Independent Broadcasting Authority, and £9m in staff and capital equipment costs.

In return the companies, which are meant to finance their Channel 4 demands through the sale of advertising for the station, can expect to receive at the most £50m in advertising revenue if the actors dispute over commercials is settled.

Should the dispute, which has placed a union ban on a large part of Channel 4 advertising, remain unresolved the companies will receive about £30m, against costs of more than £150m

While, on paper, the deficit would be met from the profits of the ITV companies, a substantial proportion is likely to be written off by the Exchequer in the form of a lost levy on ITV profits.

Mr Jeremy Isaacs, chief executive of Channel 4, also speaking at the festival, defended the channels audience rating and blamed its left-wing bias on the shortage of right-wing programme-makers.

"The radical left have been making more noises longer and have also been better equipped to come forward with offers of programmes than a right which has never been particularly interested in the broadcasting medium", he said.

● The shape of the BBC's satellite service, due to start broadcasting in two channels in 1986, is the centre of intense speculation after reports that the corporation is now worried about the cost.

Mr Tesler. suggested it would be in the interests of both the BBC and ITV if they shared the satellite facilities, splitting the cost.

But the offer was rejected by Mr Brian Wenham, the BBC's director of programmes. He said that the corporation should pursue its two satellite channels, the ITV companies fund a further two, and the fifth channel allotted to Britaiin by international agreement should be allocated to a new party by the same sort of public discussion which led up to the formation of Channel 4.

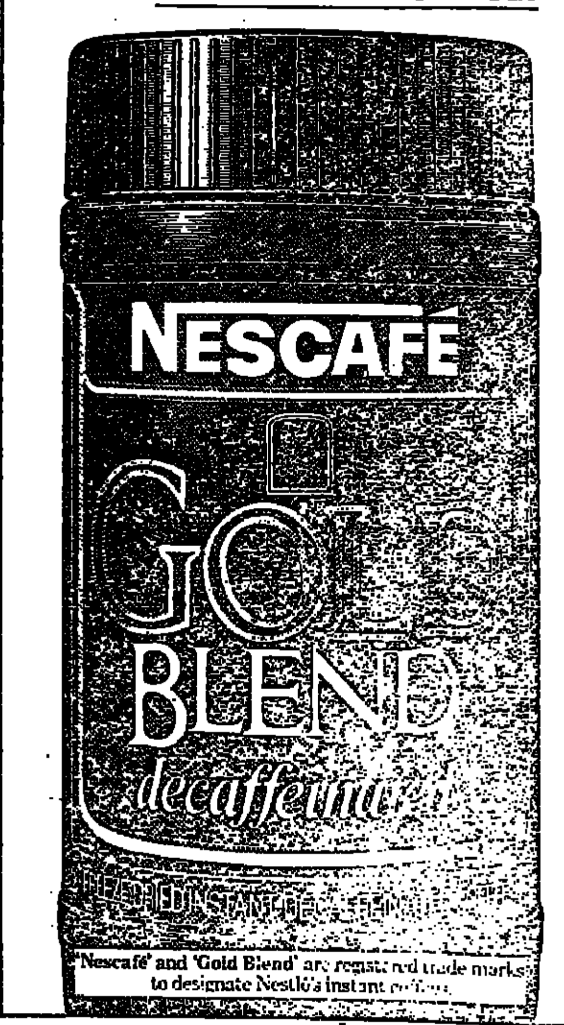
Threat to blow up hijacked jet over Iraq

Tehran (AFP, Reuter) – The hijackers of an Air France Boeing 727 grounded at Tehran Airport announced last night that they planned to take off and blow the aircraft up over Iraq, Iranian television said. It gave no further details.

Earlier, Irian graned the four Arabic-speaking gunmen permission to leave, the national news agency said quoting a Foreign Ministry source.

The crew and 17 passengers – including one Briton, Mr Martin Lees who works for the United Nations Development Programme – were said to be in good condition.

There's only one decaffeinated coffee that tastes as good as Gold Blend.



Labour government not automatic alternative, unions told by Basnett

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Trade unions have been warned by a union leader that they must recognize that Labour is no longer the automatic choice as an alternative government and that they need to face unpalatable facts" about future policies and strategy.

The warning, delivered on the eve of the TUC Congress in Blackpool, comes from Mr Daved Basnett, general secretary of the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union, and the key figure in the links between the two wings of the labour movement.

A exposition by Mr Basnett on the union movement's Need to rethink its objectives and economic policy is contained in his union's journal published today. He says that the challenge to the unions' traditional role is not just coming from hostile government and employers "but also from our own members."

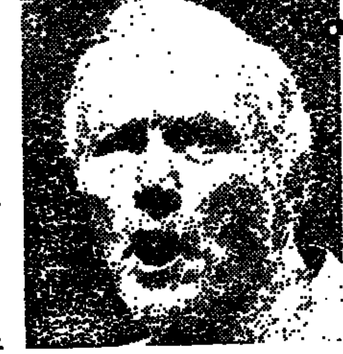
Referring to the political reality that the movement has to face Mr Basnett says: "In all the post war years we have been dealing with a Labour Party which is either in government or the obvious and only alternative government. Whatever our problems the next government would be a Labour government. That assumption was destroyed in the tragic electoral defeat in June.

"At the moment we cannot presume the outcome of the next election. We cannot therefore put as many eggs in the basket of legislative change after the next election as we have tended to do over the past few years," Mr Basnett writes.

His article is an emphatic reassertion of statements he has made periodically since Labour's defeat but the latest critique, produced as union leaders start arriving in Blackpool today for the conference is bound to be seen as an attempt to drive home the message.

Mr Basnett is chairman of the TUC's influential economic committee and was largely responsible for winning committee backing last month for a reappraisal of the movement's traditional economic approach. An attempt will be made at Blackpool next week to extend that study to include an examination of the economic policies on which Labour fought the election.

He says in the article: "We are on our own with a need to reestablish our philosophy, our influence on governments and the certainty of the return of a Labour government. Our policies and our commitments were not wrong but they have to be adjusted and modified in the light of the new and harsher economic, social and political reality."


Mr Basnett: "Unpalatable political facts"

Mr Basnett emphasizes that the union movement can hold out little hope of legislative action on issues such as low pay, shorter working hours and fringe benefits and instead the movement had to coordinate bargaining objectives to take account of the new position.

A key element of union policy had to be to educate their members that the movement's overall philosophy was correct. "It is a massive task of education and of positive propaganda to overcome the new consensus which the Thatcherites have latched on to, a consensus of minimum government interference and minimum redistributive taxation," he writes.

The unions should also win members over again to the long-established argument that the labour movement had a role to play in influencing policy-making. Mr Basnett finds it disturbing that "the legitimacy of that role is not acknowledged by a large proportion of our members.

"The role of trade unions as a major political force and as an instrument of social change is denied by far too many of our members," he writes.

Burning issue: Cambridgeshire farmworkers watch straw burning, an activity which has prompted an all-party campaign by councillors in the county to seek a ban on the practice. They plan to approach Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, through local MPs to seek legislation making it illegal for farmers to cause air pollution and ash fall-out by setting light to their fields. More than a dozen farmers in the county face prosecution for alleged breaches of the stubble burning code. A spokesman for the county public protection committee said yesterday: "The summer has been a traumatic one for the fire brigade, with harvest and other associated fires costing an extra £30,000 so far" (photograph: David Cairns).

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Government 'apathy' on PIE criticized

By David Nicholson-Lord

Mr Charles Oxley, the Liverpool headmaster who "infiltrated" the Paedophile Information Exchange (PIE) and later supplied the information gained to detectives at Scotland Yard, last night criticized the Government's "apathetic" approach to the case.

Mr Oxley said that the Home Office and the Metropolitan Police had failed to allocate enough police time to the case or give it a high enough priority. "It is hopeless", he added. "They have been very dilatory." Mrs Margaret Thatcher should take a strong lead on the issue, he said.

The Director of Public Prosecutions said yesterday that the file on the case, on which investigation by the Yard's obscene publications squad began last year, was being assessed by counsel but it was not known when a decision on prosecution would be taken. A new report was submitted by Scotland Yard

Investigations into PIE, whose members advocate sexual relations with children, have been conducted by only two officers, one of them part-time on the case, according to Mr Oxley.

He said: "This is a matter of great public concern. Young children all over the country are being seriously assaulted by people who are campaigning to make it legal.

"I would like to see Mrs Thatcher taking a strong lead and saying to the new Home Secretary that a dreadful situation exists, that we have just about reached rock-bottom with the ill-treatment of children and that something must be done

The DPP's office said yesterday that reports of a long list of names of those allegedly involved in PIE were misleading, as were claims that there was a "brand-new dossier" on the case.

● Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, yesterday received the two reports which he had ordered on the activities of the Paedophile Information Exchange, from the Metropolitan Police, and on the kidnap and sexual assault of a young Brighton boy on August 14, from the Sussex force. (Our Political Correspondent writes).

But it was suggested last night that no precipitate view should be expected from the Home Office on the question of legislation to be taken against the paedophile campaign.

Miners fail to halt pit closure

The National Coal Board has told miners' representatives that their plan to save Lynemouth Colliery in Northumberland will not work and the board has repeated its intention to close the mine.

Although miners' leaders said they would continue to fight, they now seem to have little chance of stopping a shutdown at the pit, which employs almost 1,100 men.

Mr Denis Murphy, president of the Northumberland miners, said men had been attracted by the board's "pieces of silver" – a reference to transfer payments of up to £1,550 offered to miners who agree to switch to Ellington Colliery, less than a mile from Lynmouth.

At Ellington, which, with Lynemouth, forms the biggest undersea mining complex in the orld, the men will also have a chance of earning bigger bonuses

About 420 men will be transferred to Ellington before the end of the year if the miners agree to the closure while 200 will be kept at Lynemouth for salvage and maintenance work. The remainder will go through early retirement and voluntary redundancy.

The board said jobs would be available at Ellinton for men who wanted to move.

A picket outside Highlands Fabricators oil platform yard at Nigg yesterday blocked attempts to restart production for the second day running. Despite strong police presence only half a dozen workers decided to brave the picket line. A managment attempt to get workers through a back entrance was also foiled.

Belfast offenders' centre damaged

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Damage estimated at thousands of pounds was caused when inmates at a young offenders' centre on the outskirts of Belfast went on the rampage during the prison officers' rostered overtime ban.

Extra police were drafted into the centre to assist RUC officers already on duty because of the dispute. The trouble broke out during evening lock-up on Monday.

Several youths had to be moved to other rooms after bedrooms in the accommodation area were severely damaged. Mr John Hall, secretary of the prison officers' association, yesterday claimed that prison warders arriving for work discovered 19 youngsters handcuffed in the dining area.

No one was injured in the disturbances and the Northern Ireland Office said repairs had started. Most inmates were expected to be able to return to their rooms by last night.

Elsewhere in the province, prison officers were back on duty after their 24-hour overtime ban, although Mr Hall claimed that 120 were turned away from the Crumlin Road and Maze prisons when they reported for duty yesterday.

A Northern Ireland Office spokesman said that several staff who were not rostered for normal duty had turned up at prisons, and this was being discussed with the prison officers' association.

Mr Hall said the dispute would continue with officers only working a 40-hour week until they were paid for travelling to and from work during rostered overtime duty. The government says the warders are not entitled to the allowance because the overtime is a part of regular duties. It would cost £2m if the demand was implemented for the province's 2,500 prison officers.

With no plans for a meeting between the Northern Ireland Office and the warders, police were poised to move in and guard some of Britain's most dangerous criminals in case the warders walked out again.

Meanwhile, Father Denis Faul has given a warning that Provisional Sinn Fein politicians plan to use the anti-informer campaign as a launching pad for next year's European Parliament elections. He said the Relatives for Justice group would be taken over and exploited to whip up support and funds for the campaign.

Hopes recede of end to flag-flying dispute

An attempt to end a dispute over the flying of a Union flag, which has led to the closure of a Northern Ireland factory, has failed. Hopes of the plant reopening are receding.

The dispute is between Roman Catholic and Protestant employees at Moy Meat in co Armagh. Attempts at conciliation ended yesterday with confirmation that insufficient members of the workforce had backed a compromise proposal to fly the flag between July 1 and July 14.

Just over half the workforce replied to the management proposal.

Eighty workers, divided almost evenly between the two religions, lost their jobs last month when Ulster Farmers Investments closed the plant in a dispute over the flying of the Union flag during the annual Protestant celebrations on July 12.

Under the deal, which was put to the workers after discussions involving the Amalgamated Transport and General Workers' Union with employees from both religions, management would have erected a flagpole to fly the Union flag only between the specified dates.

Computer games help maths

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

Computer games of the kind found in amusement arcades and played in schools are impoving children's grasp of mathematics, according to the conclusions of a 12-month survey by Mr Trevor Fletcher, a school inspector (HMI) who has studied the impact of microcomputers on mathematics teaching.

His report is published today by the Department of Education and Science as a discussion paper for teachers.

Mr Fletcher says an increasing number of children are so enthusiastic they are arriving well before their school is open and remaining until the caretaker clears the building. Although all ages are involved, there are far more boys than girls among the enthusiasts.

The report shows important changes in the way mathematics ideas are being taught, with many youngsters discovering an enjoyment they did not have before.

Games programs often involve techniques well beyond O level computer studies courses, yet juniors and even infants have no difficulty in operating microcomputers. They can get the machine started, load magnetic tapes carrying programs into cassettes and overcome minor problems without needing to consult the teacher.

Children are good at helping one another and clearly take pride in their adroitness with this new equipment.

The most ambitious mathematical activity seen in primary schools arose from the use of the programming language LOGO, a part of which was concerned with "turtle geometry", enabling a cursor to be moved around the screen by various commands to draw patterns.

The children learn how sets of commands can be grouped together as one instruction (in the programmers' jargon, a subroutine) so that they can generate very elaborate patterns with a manageable number of commands.

Whitehall unions in youth scheme talks

By Our Labour Correspondent

Civil Service union leaders will meet senior Whitehall officials this morning to discuss details of a programme for 4,000 young people under the Youth Training Scheme after a lifting of union restrictions.

Union officials will press the Manpower and Personnel Office, which is to implement the scheme in government departments, for a series of guarantees on extra manpower to train the young people and for an increase in the £25 a week allowance to be paid to trainees.

A meeting of senior leaders of the Council of Civil Service Unions, the umbrella body for the nine unions, yesterday authorized the discussions with the Government despite strong reservations by at least two unions.

The Civil and Public Services Association, the biggest union, is bound by a left-sponsored decision of its annual conference not to cooperate with the scheme. The Society of Civil and Public Servants' left wing leadership has put several conditions on its cooperation.

Both unions' positions are expected to be modified, however, and there was feeling in Whitehall that there would be union acquiescence to the YTS schemes, even though the Government was unlikely to meet all the conditions set by the unions.

The Government was anxious to win union agreement for talks which it hopes will lead to agreement on training schemes because the national £1,000m YTS, which starts tomorrow, is due to come into full operation next week. It would have been embarrassing if the Government was unable to organize the scheme in its own departments.

● An appeal for changes to prevent the Youth Training Scheme (YTS) excluding large numbers of handicapped school-leavers was made yesterday by Mr Alfred Morris, Labour MP for Manchester, Wythenshawe, and former Minister for the Disabled (Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent, writes).

He said that it was absurd that the future of many disabled young people would be ruined by the inflexibility of the new scheme, when so few able-bodied teenagers were applying for the 460,000 available places.

The new scheme offers training places for school-leavers aged 16 and 17, but unemployed disabled young people aged up to 18 will also be eligible. But, since many handicapped young people lose some schooling for a variety of reasons, they may remain at school until they are aged 19.

Mr Morris demanded a ministerial statement on the issue before the Commons rose for the summer recess, and was assured "instant" attention by Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House. But Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, said in a letter responding to that request and released by Mr Morris yesterday, that he will not change the rules, at least until after they are reviewed this autumn.

Mr Tebbit said in his letter that efforts and resources must be concentrated on meeting the guarantee of an early offer of a place to all unemployed 16-year-old school leavers.

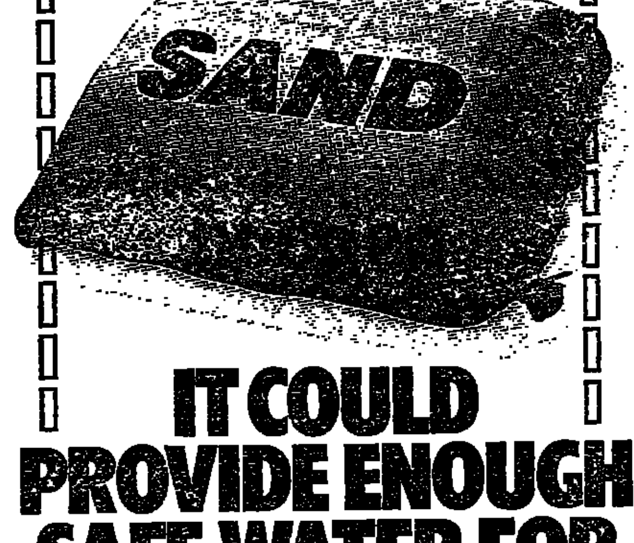
Cocaine smugglers foiled

Plans to smuggle into Britain cocaine with a street value of £500,000 were foiled after a holidaymaker fishing off north Cornwall hooked and landed a container holding 2½ kilogrammes of the drug.

Customs and Excise officers, who had been keeping watch in the area, moved in quickly.

They were keeping under surveillance a yacht that had recently arrived from the Caribbean. When the holidaymaker reported his "catch" to police the customs officers moved in and three men, two Britons and a New Zealander, were detained.





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Former Sea Lord attacks Nott's cuts

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach, the former First Sea Lord, yesterday attacked Sir John Nott's defence review of 1981 as "ill-conceived".

Sir Henry, who retired last year after organizing the dispatch of the Falklands task force, said measures to improve the Fleet's defences against Exocet-type sea-skimming missiles had been cancelled in the cuts.

Writing in the latest issue of *Air Pictorial*, he said: "True, they could not have been in service in the Fleet by the time the Falklands crisis came to a head, but the irrational slashing of the Navy's capability (since rephrased by guilty men as "reshaping" the Navy) coupled with the declared intention to dispose of HMS Endurance (the ice-patrol ship) could only be interpreted as an earnest of disintent in the South Atlantic."

Sir Henry said that most newly emergent nations wanted "shiny new technology in their military weapons systems and can afford to pay for it: those responsible for UK defence need to bear this in mind."

He added that "it is a sad reflection" that it took 16 years and "a sharp war" to convince "people who should have known better" of the importance to the Fleet of early warning planes.

● Criticism by the editor of *Jane's Fighting Ships* about the strength of the Royal Navy was rejected yesterday by Lord Trefgarne, Under-Secretary of State for the Armed Forces.

He said of Captain John Moore, the editor: "The captain is grinding an axe, complaining that we do not have enough battleships or destroyers. But we have to cut our cloth according to our means... The strength of the Navy is in accordance with the threat as assessed by those in the hot seat."

The Royal Navy... ships, which since the Second World War have traditionally been painted black below the water-line, are to become plum-coloured after the introduction of a new type of paint developed by International Paint of Newcastle upon Tyne.

The paint is described as being self-polishing, and it contains a compound which is toxic to marine organisms. There should be no loss of speed or range resulting from the growth of the organisms.



IRA welcome for sisters

Ann (right) and Eileen Gillespie, sisters from co Donegal in the Irish Republic, who were jailed in Britain in 1975 for offences connected with an IRA bombing campaign, and who were greeted by well-wishers at Dublin airport yesterday, after their release from prison.

The sisters were flown to Dublin from Manchester immediately after their release. They had served eight years of their 14-year sentences, at Styal prison, Cheshire.

They were convicted on charges of conspiring to cause explosions in the Manchester area, and of possessing explosives. At their trial, Ann, aged 33, and Eileen, aged 30, both nursing sisters, were described by the judge as "sinister and evil". They have, however, maintained their innocence.

They were met at Dublin by members of their family and leaders of the IRA. They were carried shoulder-high before being driven to their home in Bunbeg.

Rapist may have struck third time

A rapist whose military-style underground lair was found in a South London wood may have struck a third time and police fear his latest victim may be dead. Items of clothing were found after a woman's screams were heard early yesterday.

More than 100 officers searched the area and dragged a local pond, but nothing was found. Police are worried that if there was an attack the woman was either killed, or too scared to report the incident.

A couple heard a woman's screams in Lessness Park, Upper Belvedere, Bexley, near where two other women were assaulted recently. They called the police and two officers saw a man running away but lost him in the dark.

Police found two hideouts last week in woodland near the scene of yesterday's search. They believe they were used by a man they have been looking for about two earlier sex attacks. One hideout was an underground chamber built with they describe as "military-style."

CND urges Polaris negotiations

By Nicholas Timmins

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament urged the Government yesterday to include Britain's Polaris missiles in the Geneva disarmament talks, in response to the Soviet Union's offer to "liquidate" Soviet SS20 missiles.

President Andropov has offered to destroy a number of missiles, so that the numbers deployed in European Russia match the number of British and French missiles, providing Nato does not deploy cruise and Pershing later this year.

In a letter to Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, Mrs Joan Ruddock, CND's chairman, said the British system should be counted into the Geneva talks.

Although Nato has always argued that the British and French systems are strategic rather than intermediate weapons, and are independent, Mrs Ruddock said: "It is inconceivable that the United States would not include 'independent' nuclear forces if such were held by Hungary or Czechoslovakia".

Empty jewelry boxes scattered on burglar's trail

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A trail of discarded jewel boxes was left scattered along the escape route of the burglars who stole jewelry worth £800,000 last weekend from the Sussex country home of a Jordanian businessman, it was disclosed yesterday.

The boxes, found on the A3 between Petersfield and Godalming, were apparently thrown from a car shortly after they had been taken from the home of Mr Taj Hajjar at Fynning Hill, West Sussex, late on Saturday night or early on Sunday morning with 51 items of jewelry.

The robbery, one of the biggest of a country home in Britain, succeeded, despite security guards, close circuit television, alarms and dogs guarding 1,000 acres of grounds.

The burglar managed to evade them, possibly because of the sheer size of the grounds. When he reached the main house it is thought that he scaled the wall to a window of a first-floor bedroom which he entered. At the time it is understood the security systems were not fully operational because the house was occupied.

The burglar swiftly collected the jewelery, ranging from watches worth a few thousand pounds to a string of pearls worth £130,000, and slipped away on the A3 heading northwards towards London, he is believed to have sorted out the jewlery, possibly as an accomplice drove, throwing the boxes out of the car's window.

The first was found on Sunday by a man walking his dog and by yesterday the police had identified another two, including one had contained the £130,000 necklace. A search of the verges had also uncovered other items which had yet to be identified by the Hajjar family.

The boxes will be examined for possible fingerprints and other forensic evidence although the police believe that they are dealing with a thoroughly professional burglar. The crime has been compared with a number of other recent country house break-ins which have led to speculation about a highly successful "Raffles" touring the country in search of targets.

Yesterday, Sussex police refused to be drawn on any comparisons but details of other cases.

A reward of 10 per cent of the value of the jewelry has been offered by Summers, Henderson Tyler, a firm of loss adjusters

Nunn disputes lead with Russian grandmaster

By Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent

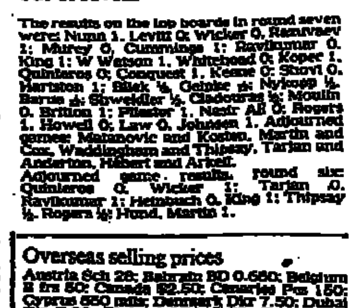
At the end of round seven in the Lloyds Bank Masters tournament in London two grandmasters, John Nunn of England and the Russian player Razuvaev, were leading with 6 points each. Nunn won with some ease against Levitt, who lost control of the central files and thereby exposed his king to a devasting attack.

Razuvaev was equally severe against Wicker and won in 30 moves, just as Nunn had done.

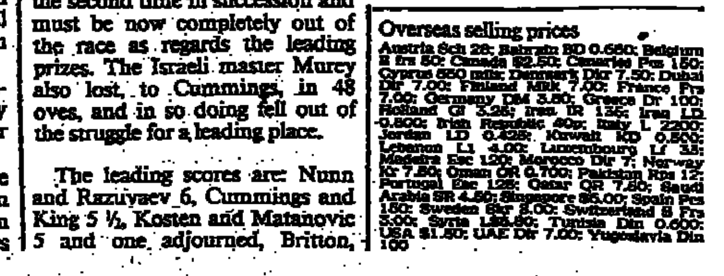
Surprisingly the Argentine grandmaster Quinteros lost for the second time in succession and must be now completely out of the race as regards the leading prizes. The Israeli master Murey also lost, to Cummings, in 48 oves, and in so doing fell out of the struggle for a leading place.

The leading scores are: Nunn and Razuvaev 6, Cummings and King 5 ½, Kosten and Matanovic 5 and one adjourned, Britton, Conquest, Hartston, Kopec Levitt, W Watson and Wicker 5.

In the ladies' international Teresa Needham, aged 16, now shares a lead with Fischdick of West Germany, with 3 ½ points out of seven.



The results on the top boards in round seven were: Nunn 1, Levitt 0; Wicker 0, Razuvaev 1; Murey 0, Cummings 1; Ravikumar 0, King 1; W Watson 1, Whitehead 0; Kopec 1, Quinteros 0; Conquest 1, Keene 0; Short 0, Hartston 1; Bilek ½, Geinke ½; Nykopp ½, Barua ½; Shweidler ½, Cladouras ½; Moulin 0, Britton 1; Pfleger 1, Nasir Ali 0; Rogers 1, Howell 0; Law 0, Johnsen 1. Adjourned games: Matanovic and Kosten, Martin and Cox, Waddingham and Thipsay, Tarjan and Anderton, Hebert and Arkell.
Adjourned game results, round six: Quinteros 0, Wicker 1; Tarjan 0, Ravikumar 1; Heinbuch 0, King 1; Thipsay ½, Rogers ½; Hund, Martin 1.



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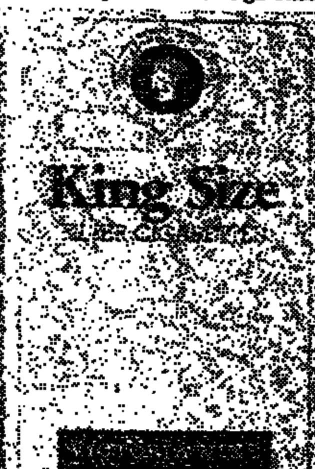
Wine chain's own-brand cigarette sales may start price war

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Victoria Wine, part of Allied Lyons and the country's biggest off-licence chain, is to test market packets of 20 cigarettes under its own label at 89p per packet. The pack will be white with green and gold lettering.

Text marketing will be carried out at 24 outlets and could start a fierce cigarette price cutting war.

At 89p the cigarettes will be 4p cheaper than the discounted price on the cheapest branded cigarettes on the company's shelve. It compares with king size prices that retail in some outlets at £1.8 or more.



Victoria Wine's own-label cigarettes.

Mr Fursa Hogan, managing director of the Manchester Tobacco Company, one of Britain's few small manufacturers which is supplying Victoria Wine with the Virgina cigarettes, said several of the big grocery mulitple chains had inquired about possible own-label supplies.

Victoria Wine would be likely to bring the cut-price range into all 900 outlets, if the supermarkets also took up their own label supplies the big British manufacturers could face the price pressures experienced by manufactureres in West Germany in the past few years.

In West Germany, "no-name" cigarettes – produced for grocery chains – have taken about 40 per cent of the market through supermarkets. That has forced the German manufacturers to cut prices to compete.

Cut-price no-name cigarettes – sold in plain generic rather than own-label packs – have also obtained a big market share in the United States.

Hintons in the North east which has 53 supermarkets and 27 off-licences, has already introduced its own house label cigarettes.

Its Winerschladen brand, also produced by the Manchester Tobacco Company, is selling at 94p for 20. The cigarettes were launched two months ago and are said by Hintons to be selling well, with the prospect of taking 10 to 15 per cent of its cigarette sales.

Victoria Wine expects its own-label sales to go higher than that.

Mr Eric Colwell, managing director, said: "Reactions have already been favourable even though it is early days yet. After a lot of research we believe that own-label and national brands can run happily alongside each other as they do for instance in the whisky and gin markets."

Imperial Tobacco, with its John Player and Embassy brands, and Gallahers with Benson and Hedges, are locked in a price war, with many brands being offered at reduced "promotional" prices.

Increased duty reduced consumption by five to six per cent earlier this year but sales have improved recently.

Bagpipes, breakfast and ballyhoo

Super shuttle: British Airways Concordes at Glasgow airport yesterday where they were piped in after landing. Mr Colin Marshall (bottom right) BA's chief executive, at Heathrow airport with the new, free breakfast for passengers on shuttle flights.

BA 'will not make price cut'

By Michael Baily
Transport Editor

There will be no fare cuts on British Airways domestic shuttle to beat off competition from British Midland Airways.

That was made clear yesterday by Mr Colin Marshall, BA's chief executive, on a day in which the state airline spent about £33,000 on flying nearly 600 passengers, paying over £50 a head, from London to Glasgow and back by Concorde to mark the opening of a new improved "super shuttle".

BA is spending around £4m a year to provide a full English breakfast, free drinks, reserved seats, to staunch the traffic loss that within a year of competition from British Midland has cost it 33 per cent of the Glasgow market and 31 per cent to Edinburgh.

But while British Midland announced yet another challenge to BA yesterday this time on the London to Aberdeen route, Mr Marshall said that there would be no price war on shuttle routes despite British Midland's current price advantage. BA's single fare to Glasgow is £58, compared with British Midland's £52.50. "We are the market leader and it would not be wise for us to bring fares down unless we want to get into a price war", Mr Marshall said. Nor was BA trying to drive British Midland out of business.

The Concorde trips failed to draw the crowds predicted the day before. The first left Heathrow at 7.15am with all 100 seats taken, but the second at 7.50am carried only 67 passengers. The third, shortly after, was full.

Most passengers were clearly thrilled at the bargain opportunity of flying on the aircraft but many took it in their stride. "I could not care less about Concorde, I just want to get to Glasgow on time", one businessman at Heathrow said.

Chay Blyth in new challenge

Chay Blyth, the round-the-world yachtsman, announced yesterday that he had set himself a fresh, and maybe final, sailing challenge: to beat the clipper ship record for the 14,500-mile voyage round Cape Horn.

Mr Blyth, aged 43, will sail from New York in November to try to beat the record set by the American cutter Flying Cloud 132 years ago. He hopes to arrive in San Francisco sooner than the 89 days and 21 hours the cutter took in 1851.

He said yesterday: "For me this is a great adventure."

British forces based on the Falkland Islands have agreed to rendezvous with him as he sails through the South Atlantic to take off his letters and film.

Woman's body among toys

The body of Mrs Thelma Mary Bain, aged 63, of Lansbury Avenue, Feltham, west London, was discovered on the floor in her bedroom hidden by toys seven days after she was reported missing, the Hammersmith coroner, was told yesterday.

The inquest was told she had taken poison. A verdict was recorded that she had taken her life because of severe depression.

Blazing tyres inquest date

An inquest into the death of a man who was severely burnt when a sculpture of a submarine made from car tyres was destroyed by fire, was adjourned at Battersea, south London, yesterday until September 13.

Mr James Gore-Graham, aged 35, a furniture designer, of Colet Gardens, west Kensington, died after the blaze on the South Bank.

Body in freezer

Mrs Ethel Bussell, aged 72, was found dead in an old disconnected freezer at a Devon farm yesterday. Police said that a post-mortem examination would be carried out on Mrs Bussell, of Higher Easterbrook, Burlescombe, but there were no suspicious circumstances.

Aircraft charge

Henri Rothlisberger, aged 72, from Lille, has been accused in the Irish Rupublic of attempting to damage an Air Frane aircraft from Paris to Montreal. He will appear in court at Shannon on Friday.

Police car stolen

Joy riders drove away a police car while the policemen were questioning youths in another car on the M6 in north Staffordshire on Monday. The police car was found abandoned later.

Dancing feat

Ann Marie Whittaker, aged 19, from Helston, Cornwall, claimed a world record yesterday after disco dancing non-stop for 386 hours, more than 16 days, at Penzance.

Pigeons killed

Vandals have strangled or beheaded 24 prize-winning racing pigeons worth a total of £720 after breaking into a loft in Linby Walk, Hucknall, Nottinghamshire.

Glider stolen

Police have asked people to look out for a glider worth £11,000 with a 60ft wing span stolen from a club airfield at Crowland, Lincolnshire.

Civic Rolls to go

Nottingham City Council is to sell its two civic Rolls-Royces and replace them with two Ford cars to cut costs.

Drug police seize Baudelaire book

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A work by Baudelaire, first published 133 years ago, has been seized by police in search of material linked to illicit drug use. Other works taken during raids on bookshops include three by Aldous Huxley and one by William Burroughs, the American writer.

The books have been seized in 26 raids over the past 18 months on small, independent or "alternative" bookshops. The police have acted under the Obscene Publications Act, mainly taking imported books on cannabis, cocaine and hallucinogenic mushrooms, covering use and cultivation.

But a list compiled by the Publishers' Association shows police have also taken Baudelaire's *Hashish, Wine and Opium* published in 1860; *The Doors of Perception, Moksha* and *The Island* by Huxley; *Junkie* by Burroughs, and several books by Hunter S. Thompson, the American writer and journalist, including his history of the Hell's Angels.

Earlier this month, members of the association met to consider the police action. They decided to see whether the police would keep the books or bring prosecutions before taking action themselves.

Yesterday, a spokesman for the association said the meeting had considered representations to Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, but it was decided "to hold one's horses until we see whether the books are going to be prosecuted."

The spokesman said the use of the Obscene Publications Act was felt to be "slightly curious". The seized titles published by the association's members were in many cases classics.

The raids were in London, Birmingham, Leeds, Bristol, Reading and Manchester. Several prosecutions are under way but do not involve any of the titles produced by members of the association, who have been working in cooperation with the Standing Conference on Drug Abuse.

Mr David Turner, national coordinator of the standing conference, yesterday echoed the association's concern about the use of the Obscene Publications Act. He said that there had not been a prosecution under the act against a book on drugs since 1964 when Alex Trocchi's *Cain's Book* was successfully taken to court.

Mr Turner said that the raids seemed to be part of a policy which could have emanated from the Director of Public Prosecutions.

A spokesman for the DPP said: "I would not go so far as to say there is a policy. If material is seized, then it is this department which considers it".

Missing wife seen alive, anonymous caller says

Police searching for Mrs Diane Jones, the missing wife of an Essex village doctor, received an anonymous telephone call yesterday claiming that she is in the Bury St Edmunds area of Suffolk.

The caller, a woman who said she was a close friend of Mrs Jones, rang off before police had a chance to question her.

She said she had seen Mrs Jones alive and well in the past 48 hours. Police in Bury St Edmunds are being contacted.

Det Supt Michael Ainsley, leading the hunt for Mrs Jones, said: "We are taking this call seriously. The woman was calm and her information sounded plausible. We are appealing to her to contact us again and we want to hear from anyone who can identify her."

Mr Ainsley said a handbag recovered by police, which newspapers reported yesterday as being a breakthrough in the investigation, had been in police possession since August 2.

Meanwhile police divers were searching flooded sandpits at Ardleigh, near Colchester, after the reported sighting of a car in the area at about the time Mrs Jones, aged 35, disappeared five weeks ago.

Her husband, Dr Robert Jones, aged 40, left for a holiday in Canada at the weekend after putting his farmhouse in Coggeshall, Essex, up for sale at £95,000.

State cash goes to pop group

From Arthur Osman
Birmingham

The four members of a pop music group from Solihull, West Midlands are to receive about £40 a week each for a year under the Government's enterprise allowance scheme.

The scheme encourages small businesses under the auspices of the Manpower Services Commission. It is thought to be the first time that musicians have been aided.

The Department of Employment said: "We agree they are in a fringe area, but they conformed to the guidelines. They had all been out of work for over 13 weeks and were prepared to put £1,000 into the venture. We do not know if they had to give an audition after they had applied."

The Government has allocated £54m for the first year of the scheme, which started on a national basis this month. There are to be 25,000 places, and so far there have been 147 approved cases in the Midlands, including the pop group.

The members of the band, called "Eye Do It", are David Brown, Paul Florence and Martin Hope, all aged 21, and Sarah Winsper, aged 19, the vocalist.

Mr Brown, a guitarist, said: supported by the Government, we are expecting to bring out our first single record next month and we have also set up our own recording company called REM.

"The idea came to me when I heard someone discussing the scheme in a public house. I thought there was no reason why an aspiring pop group could not get help if plumbers and decorators can do so.

Two more staff quit Dartington

Two more senior members of staff have resigned from Dartington Hall, the independent progressive school, whose headmaster announced a clean-up campaign after allegations of crime and vice among pupils.

Mr John Clinch-Bunting and his wife, Angela, house parents, who have been at the school in Totnes, Devon, for four years, leave later this week. They are refusing to say why.

Their departure comes after that of two senior teachers, Mr David Gribble and Mrs Maggier Giraud, who have also refused to give their reasons.

Dartington Hall's headmaster, Mr Lyn Blackshaw, aged 44, wrote last week to the parents of the 300 mixed pupils, who pay nearly £6,000 a year to educate their children.

In it he catalogued problems at the school, including under-age sex, drug and alcohol abuse and a spate of burglaries and vandalism

On Monday, a former pupil-governor, Miss Emma Fein, aged 18, who left in July, said: "The school is by no means perfect, but it is special because it cares for people who have had a difficult time. Mr Blachshaw was ignoring that and saying he could not cope with people with social problems.

"There has to be a change but there are ways to go about it".

The chairman of Dartington parish council, Mrs Sybil Newman, herself a former pupil, said: "A new broom always sweeps clean but he is trying to bring in his views too quickly".

Mr and Mrs Clinch-Bunting were unavailable for comment last night.

Timber frame homes defended

By Baron Phillips, Property Correspondent

There is no evidence to suggest that timber frame built homes are inferior to more traditional houses, the National House-building Council says in a report published yesterday.

The council, which provides a 10-year guarantee scheme for new homes, says it has introduced design and safety guidelines which make British timber frame homes the best in the world.

Since the mid-1960s there have only been 24 claims against timber frame construction methods. That compares with a total of 20,000 accepted claims by the council on nearly 2.5 million houses constructed under the guarantee scheme, of which 150,000 used the timber frame method.

Doubts about the durability and construction standards of timber frame houses have been raised in recent months after a television documentary and subsequent press comments. But there is little to suggest, the council says, that timber frame homes are constructed to lower standards than more conventional houses.

The council says timber frame homes are constructed to a higher design specification than anywhere else in the world. In many countries there are far more timber frame houses built than those of brick construction.

Scotland has led the nation in timber frame construction. As long ago as 1965 houses built along those lines accounted for about 20 per cent of new homes. Today as many as 40 per cent of private housebuilding in Scotland uses that method of construction. In the rest of the UK it is estimated that a quarter of new private homes are of timber frame construction.

Leading building societies such as the Abbey National and the Anglia have defended the use of timber frame methods in new housebuilding, saying that there is nothing intrinsically wrong with the technique.

Two of the main criticisms levelled at timber frame concern rotting of the support timbers from either a high degree of condensation or water penetration. The council denies that either is a real danger

Cash flood for disabled yachtsman

By Craig Seton

The public responded yesterday to the lone voyage of the disabled yachtsman, Mr Mike Spring with hundreds of cash donations towards a £750,000 appeal by the Pain Relief Foundation to establish a research institute.

Mr Spring, aged 39, who is paralysed from the wasit down, sailed to the Azores and back in his 21ft-long yacth 3M Mariner, but on his return to Penzance on Monday it was learnt that his effort had raised less than a quarter of the expected £20,000.

Lord Northesk, chairman of thje appeal committeee of the Pain Relief Foundation, of which Mr Spring is a patient, asked the public to make the voyage financially worth while and yesterday offers of cash help started to pour in.

Mr Spring is a computer programmer working from home for the 3M company, which gave £1,500 to the appeal. The company will welcome him home today at a ceremony in its Bracknell headquarters and Mr Robert Colney, chairman and managing director, intends to pledge another pound for every mile of Mr Spring's return journey to Britain – estimated to be over 1,300 miles.

Mr Spring spent the day in Falmouth, Cornwall, his original destination. People applauded him in the streets and pressed money into his hands. Donations included £10 notes.

Mr Spring, who broke his back in a road accident 14 years ago, was presented with the Falmouth coat of arms at a civic ceremony and civic leaders appealed for more cash donations to mark his voyage.

Donations can be made to the Pain Relief Foundation, Freepost, Liverpool L9 9AB (no stamp needed), or through any branch of the National Westminster Bank, quoting account No 98001914 – bank code No 60-22-24.

Franchise applications go in today

Rival companies stake cable TV claims

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

The Home Office will receive applications today for the first cable television franchises to be awarded in Britain. By November a dozen franchises will have been given approval and by next year the multi-channel network should be in operation.

Dozens of consortia have declared their interest in providing cable television services, although not all are likely to apply for franchises today but will wait until a second batch are awarded in about a year.

The new Cable Television Authority, to be created by the Government through legislation in the next Parliament, will be the prime supervisor of the cable networks and will be responsible in the long term for awarding franchises and ensuring that the programme transmitted conform to public taste and decency. In the meantime that function will be performed by the Home Oice, the Department of Trade and Industry and a panel of consultants.

The franchise applications are unique in that each one defines its own network area, unlike those of local radio or television which have areas outlined by the Independent Broadcasting Authority. The Government has then to decide in the next two months which areas will be selected as the "guinea-pigs" for multi-channel cable television.

There is still a great deal of uncertainty about the cirteria to be used in making the selection.

PROGRAMME PRODUCERS

FILM

1. Consortium of Goldcrest Films and Television (financial backers of *Chariots of Fire, Ghandi* and *Local Hero*), Columbia Pictures, CBS, Home Box Office (a film channel in the US) and 20th Century-Fox.
2. Rediffusion, Visionhire, Rank Trident Satellite and Cable, Plessey and the American UIP pay television company, which is itself a joint venture between three leading film studios, Paramount, Universal and MGM/UA Entertainment.

MUSIC

1. Thorn-EMI.
2. Cable Music, a consortium led by Virgin Records.
3. Musicvision, led by Yorkshire Television.

CHILDREN'S AND EDUCATIONAL

1. Thorn-EMI.
2. Wyvern Television, a new television company, also applying for a franchise in Bath and Reading.

SPORT

1. Satellite Television.
2. Screen Sports.
3. Cable Sports and Leisure.
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Bath and Reading: Wyvern Television, company intends also to make educational programmes.
Brighton, Hove, Worthing and Bognor Regis: Communicable.
Bristol: Redifusion; Stockbrokers Stock Beech.
Coventry: Thorn-EMI with local radio station Mercia.
East Anglia: Eastern Cable Television for Norwich; Cable Systems Development Company for Ipswich.
Leeds and Bradford: Consortium involving Virgin Records.
Lancashire: Cable North-West, (Preston, Chorley and Leyland) company run by Mr Barry Askew, former editor of *News of the World*, plus other local celebrities including Tom Finney; Lancashire Cable (Preston, Blackpool and Blackburn), board members include Mr Alastair Burnet and representatives of the local commercial radio station; Central Lancashire Television (Preston, Ribble and Chorley).
Leicester: Thorn-EMI; Rediffusion; Granada Television
London: Central London Cable (Camden and Hampstead); Croydon Cable Television Company (Croydon) headed by Mr Jack Gill, previously of ACC-ATV; Pearson Longman (Harrow and Brent).
Merseyside: Cablevision – consortium which includes Pilkington, Virgin Records, British Telecom, BICC, Littlewoods and Ringo Starr.
Manchester: Granada Television; Manchester Cablevision, including Rothschilds, Ferranti, The Guardian, Northwest Television.
Portsmouth and Southampton: Solent Cablevision.
Scotland: Capital City Cablevision (Edinburgh) – consortium with Radio Forth, the Royal Bank of Scotland, Johnston Newpapers and Thorn-EMI; Cablevision Scotland (Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Dundee) – consortium with Grampian Television, D. C. Thompson and British Linen Bank; Clyde Cablevision (Glasgow) – consortium of *Daily Record* and *Sunday Mail*, ICFC and Greenwich Cablevision among others, headed by Sir Monty Finniston; Scottish Cable Services (Ayr, Prestwick, Troon, Kilmarnock and Irvine) – consortium with Honeywell, Royal Bank of Scotland and Scottish Television.
South Yorkshire: General Network (Sheffield, Barnsley and Rotherham) consortium includes University of Sheffield.
Tyne and Wear: Same consortia as Camden and Hampstead, Leeds and Bradford and Brighton.
Windsor and Slough: Windsor Television, consortium includes Lord De La Warr.
Existing cable systems owned by the cable companies which operate limited service would be candidates for updating. These include Rediffusion at Burnley, Hull, Reading, Pontypridd and Tunbridge Wells; Visionhire in some London boroughs; Radio Rentals in Swindon and the Medway towns; Philips Cablevision in Tredegar and Northampton; Wellingborough Traders TV in Wellingborough; British Telecom in Milton Keynes; and Greenwich Cable in Greenwich.



The three presenters for "60 Minutes": (From left): Desmond Wilcox, Beverly Anderson and Nick Ross.

BBC names presenters of early evening show

The BBC yesterday named Beverly Anderson, Sally Magnusson, Nick Ross and Desmond Wilcox as presenters of *60 Minutes*, the early evening current affairs programme to replace *Nationwide*. David Lloyd, editor of the new programme said the team would be one of the strongest in television.

"I think that people can look forward to an exciting and popular programme which springs a few surprises", he said.

Beverly Anderson, aged 42, joins the programme from Channel 4's *Black on Black* of which she was the first presenter. She is head teacher of Burnwood First School in Oxford, and said her new role was "a great challenge".

Sally Magnusson, who is 27, joins the programme from BBC Scotland, where she was a reporter for *Current Account*.

She said her Scottish interest would emphasize the importance which *60 Minutes* would put on its regional content.

Nick Ross, aged 35, who moves from *Breakfast Time*, said: "It is an irresistible challenge to be involved with another programme launch".

Desmond Wilcox, aged 52, joined the BBC in 1965 and launched the award-winning documentary series *Man alive*.

Pup theory in cot deaths

By John Young

A possible link between cot deaths among children and fatalities among newborn pups is suggested in the latest issue of *The Veterinary Record*.

Mr A. S. Blunden, of the Animal Health Trust, near Newmarket, Suffolk, describes his investigations into "fading puppy complex", which is estimated to account for more than half of canine deaths within five days of birth.

Its symptoms include plaintive and persistent crying, restlessness, inability to feed and acute loss of weight.

A collaborative study with Professor J. Davies of the paediatric department at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, showed that the dead pups exhibited the same changes in lung surfactant composition as were found in cot death victims.

Councils get time over rent cash

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

Local authorities have been given new deadlines for implementing the new housing benefit scheme because of widespread difficulties that have left thousands of private tenants without rent money.

But Mr Rhodes Boyson, Minister for Social Security, denied in a statement on the new scheme yesterday that the difficulties were as bad as reports have suggested. His statement, the first from a minister to set out in detail the case for the new scheme, is intended to take the edge off some of the protests anticipated when MPs return to the Commons at the end of the summer recess.

The scheme transfers to local authorities responsibility for paying out help with housing costs from the Department of Health and Social Security and was intended to be fully implemented by April. But at the end of July, the department acknowledged that 100 local authorites had not completed the transition.

The position is believed to have improved since then, but local authorities have been given until September to introduce the change for existing cases, and until December for those taken over from the DHSS.

Mr Boyson's statement said that 95 per cent of people receiving supplementary benefit had been moved on to the new scheme by the end of July, but delays in some cases had led to some people falling behind with their rent and rates.

He acknowledged that private tenants were more vulnerable than council tenants and urged local authorities to give priority to their claims.

Ferment on the subcontinent

Unions muted but lawyers add their weight to anti-Zia protest

From Michael Hamlyn, Karachi

A 28-year-old woman wearing a blue outfit and a ring in her nose stood outside the Sessions Court in Karachi yesterday lunchtime yelling anti-government slogans.

"No talks with Zia", she shouted. "When the Army is in politics the country is in disgrace. To call Zia a dog is to insult a dog. Zia is a blackmailer. Zia is a robber. Zia is a userper."

She was led away by a group of women police and sat in the front seat of a police van as it roared her off to prison. Gulzar Begum, mother of two small boys was not the first woman to be arrested in the present campaign against the military regime in Pakistan, nor is she the first trade union leader to invite imprisonment, but examples of both have been hard to come by, and she is certainly the first to combine both attributes in one detainee.

She is president of a progressive union at the Pakistan Steel Mills. She is also a symbol of what the campaign needs if it is to maintain sufficient momentum to make any important change to the plans of the Government for a gradual return to an elected democracy on a unilaterally revised constitution.

It is now 16 days since the civil disobedience campaign was launched by a coalition of eight outlawed political parties, but the Government has not budged. That there is a good deal of deeply hostile feeling towards the martial law regime of General Zia ul-Haq has been amply demonstrated, but over most of the country the expressions of that discontent have been either purely symbolic or easily contained by the authorities.

Even in Karachi where the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) held its first big demonstration on Independence Day on August 14, the crowds watching political figures courting arrest have been dwindling, and the reaction to the arrests has been low key.

If the movement could encourage more people like Gulzar Begum, if the trade unions could be persuaded to step off the sidelines into the mainstream of the movement, it would provide a much needed nudge to the decelerating bandwagon.

An effort in this direction will be made on Saturday when lawyers from bar associations around the country will meet to plan their future action. Lawyers in Lahore yesterday undertook a procession of protest on that day, with each lawyer in his black cotton coat carrying a copy of the 1973 Constitution.

The biggest outbreaks of unrest have been largely confined to the rural interior of Sind province, where violence is as much a part of politics as of any other human activity.

"When a man gets a large sum of money in these parts he does one of three things", a government official from the northern part of the province said. "He goes to Karachi and buys a video, or gets married – and they get married many times – or he pays to have someone killed. After a good harvest here the murder rate sometimes goes up to about 10 a day."

With such violent attitudes it has come as no surprise that the political protest in Sind has produced a good deal of mayhem. But even there the protesters are beginning to feel that the rest of the country is letting them down. If that feeling grows it will inevitably lead to calls for Sindhu Desh – an independent Sind.

The convenor for the MRD in the northern country town of Lakaran, Mr Ahmed Ali Sumro, a lawyer aged 24, said: "If the Punjabis will not go against Zia we Sindhis will do our own politics. There will be no more Pakistan politics."

Bombs greet Gandhi's son in Assam

Delhi (Reuter) – Two bombs exploded in Assam when Mr Rajiv Gandhi, aged 39, the politician son of Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister, made a quick visit to the troubled north-east Indian state yesterday.

Shops and offices in the capital, Gauhati, and some other parts of the Brahmaputra Valley state were closed for the second day as part of a 36-hour strike called by anti-immigrant hardliners to coincide with Mr Gandhi's trip.

The two explosions, one on Monday night and the other yesterday morning, raised the total across the state to five since Sunday.

The bombs and strike appeared to be the first serious anti-Government action since widespread violence last February and March when 3,000 people were killed and more than 300,000 were made homeless

The Press Trust of India said that only one person was injured in the latest attacks and there were no reports of any group claiming responsibility.

The agency said the first bomb exploded at a state transport corporation workshop in Nowgong, 60 miles east of Gauhati, injuring the night watchman. The other was also in the Nowgong district at a station.

The news agency gave no details of damage but a bomb on Monday damaged a stretch of railway track in the same district and it appeared the attackers were going for transport systems.

Mr Hiteswar Saikia, the Chief Minister of Assam, has said he believes the bombers are linked to extremist groups in neighbouring north-east Indian states who have hideouts across the border in Burma.

The agency said Mr Gandhi, who is one of five secretary-generals of the Congress (I) Party, which rules India, received a rousing reception at Gauhati airport.

He later flew by helicopter to Borbori in Nowgong district, which was one of the worst affected areas during the February massacres when whole villages were wiped out.

Mr Gandhi, who many politicians believe is being groomed by his mother as her heir-apparent, was later due to address a meeting of the Congress Party's youth wing in Gauhati.

August talks a measure of crisis



Before the battle: Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, confers with Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, before the EEC meeting in Brussels.

Britain finds surprise ally in EEC budget battle

From Ian Murray, Brussels

The largest ever meeting of EEC ministers yesterday sat round an overcrowded table in Brussels to wrestle with the largest problem ever to face the Community – how to prevent it from going bankrupt.

It was a warming-up session in what threatens to be the toughest series ofnegotiations since the EEC was created. Central to the discussion was how much of the cost of runing the Community should be borne by Britain.

Little was expected from the meeting, but the mere fact that 35 ministers from 10 countries were prepared to travel to Brussels in August was an important sign that every member is prepared to work towards a successful conclusion before the next European summit in Athens in December.

The three British ministers present, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, and Mr Michael Jopling, the Agriculture minister, all pressed Britain's case for strict control of farm spending, which is eating up two-thirds of the total budget.

Mr Lawson set out Britain's view that there had to be a restrictive price policy for agricultural products which would act as a brake on production. He proposed that farm spending should not be allowed to grow each year by more than an agreed fraction

It was an idea to which only the Dutch gave full-hearted support although West Germany also showed that it was seeking a way of holding back agricultural spending.

The most unexpected and significant contribution came from Denmark, which has until now been almost isolated in refusing to accept that change is necessary. It put forward a paper agreeing that the British problem had to be solved and suggesting the creation of a special fund.

It was not an idea which Britain could endorse outright, but the fact that the most implacable opponent to EEC change was now prepared to put forward ideas for change showed how conscious every country had become of the need to negotiate a settlement.

S African law limiting black students shelved

Cape Town (AFP) – South Africa yesterday postponed plans to limit the number of blacks entering universities mainly reserved for whites.

A law requiring black students to seek ministerial permission for enrolment in a white university was passed by Parliament last June in the face of strong opposition from rectors of English-speaking faculties, the opposition Progressive Federal Party and anti-apartheid bodies.

Education Minister Dr Gerrit Viljden said yesterday that despite the decision to postpone applying the new law, black students in Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Ophthalmology, Pharmacy, para-medial subjects and Agriculture would continue to be assigned primarily to the universities in the black "homelands".

Dr Viljden justifies this measure by recalling the large investment which ha said had been made in teaching these subjects in the black colleges.

The Education Minister said that entry qualifications to English-speaking universities would bar the same proportion of blacks, Coloured (mixed-race) and Asians as government-imposed quotas.

The Afrikaner universities had promised to take only between 100 and 400 non-white students in the coming academic year.

Infection risk to Chad troops

Ndjamena (AP) – The survival rate among soldiers with abdominal injuries sustained in the civil war in Chad is "absolute zero," according to Lieutenant Commander René Jancovici, a French Navy doctor who is the only trained surgeon practising in the Chad capital.

Those seriously injured in the battle for the northern outpost of Faya-Largeau were flown to the hospital in Ndjamena, a near-derelict group of buildings in the heart of the war-shattered city.

"They lay in the 50°C (122°F) heat for up to five days without any kind of first aid before being evacuated," Commander Jancovici said. "I received 223 seriously hurt soldiers with all kinds of head, chest and limb injuries.

"But there was not a single abdominal injury among them, because anyone unfortunate enough to be struck in the abdomen in that heat and filth and without medical attention was dead within hours."

The hospital itself is not a model of hygiene, either. All the toilets are smashed and unusable, and flies and malaria-bearing mosqitos hover over rubbish and excrement in the yard.

There are not enough beds for the hundreds of patients – civilians as well as soldiers.

Many of the military casualties from Faya-Largeau had injuries caused by pellet, fragmentation and phosphorous bombs dropped in the divebombing attacks of the Libyan Air Force, Commander Jancovici said.

The injuries of every battle casualty brought to the hospital were badly infected, he said. "Four of them had amputations which they had performed on themselves – for example, of gangrenous open fractures – without anaesthetics, instruments or help of any kind.

War flares again in Lebanon

Hands up: A Lebanees soldier being seized at gunpoint by a left-wing guerrilla during Beirut fighting in which 15 soldiers and two American Marines were killed on Monday.

Congress concerned at status of American Marines

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

In the wake of the killing of two US Marines in Beirut, the Reagan Administration is coming under congressional pressure to change the terms under which 1,200 troops are in Lebanon as part of the multi national peace-keeping force.

Although senator Barry Goldwater (republican, Arizona) has been the only prominent member of Congress to call for the Marines to be withdrawn, several others have urged the Administration to invoke the 1973 war powers act, which would theoretically provide Congress with a veto over their continued deployment.

The Act was introduced after the Vietnam war and is intended to check the President's power to deploy American troops in hostile situations abroad.

If the situation is deemed sufficiently serious for the Act to be invoked, the troops could be withdrawn within 60 to 90 days unless congress passed special authorization for them to remain.

On Monday a special crisis management group, chaired by vice-president George Bush, ordered a legal review of the Act but set no date for completion of the review. In the meantime the Administration has made it clear there would be no immediate change in the status of US participation in the four-nation force. The Marines were "an essential ingredient" in US policy in Lebanon.

American officials contend that the attack appears to have been an isolated incident and was not specifically directed at American positions. If this can be proved, the Act need not be invoked.

But if it is shown that the Marines are in a situation "where imminent involvment in hostilities is clearly indicated by the circunstances" then the President is obliged to report to Congress.

A recent Supreme Court ruling has put a question mark over whether the President is still subject to a veto by Congress under the War Powers Act.

Senator John Glenn (Democrat, Ohio) a member of the Senate foreign relations committee and representative Clement Zablocki (Democrat, Wisconsin), chairman of the House foreign affairs committee have both said the deaths of the Marines has changed the situation and that the President should now report to Congress.

However Mr Glenn, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for next year's presidental race, favoured keeping the Marines in Lebanon, a view which seems to have wide bipartian support.

The Marines, who are mainly deployed round Beirut airport, are backed by reserve of 600 stationed in American warships off the Lebanese coast. These reserves have not been called up to support the land-based force which includes British, French and Italian troops.

The Administration has indirectly blamed Syria for Monday's attack which was carried out by Shia militiamen. A senior official accompanying President Reagan on his holiday in California claimed the incident was an outgrowth of Syria's refusal to withdraw its forces from Lebanon and Syrian influence on left-wing Muslim factions there.



Cares of office: A worried President Reagan telephones Washington from his California ranch to seek more information about the deaths of the two American Marines.

Superpower role sought in forum on Palestine

From Alan McGregor Geneva

A UN-organized international conference to seek a just settlement of the Arab-Israeli confrontation was suggested yesterday by Mr Faruk Kaddumi, director of the Palestine Liberation Organization's political department. Both superpowers should take part, he said.

He told the UN conference on the Question of Palestine in Geneva that as a means of inducing Israel to agree, the UN should adopt measures for bringing pressure, including sanctions. The PLO refused to believe there was no hope for a political solution based on the efforts of the international community.

The present situation was potentially a greater tragedy for the Jews than for the Palestinians, the former becoming identified with an arrogant policy of aggression. The popular progressive movement within Israel indicated growing awareness of this. Even in Zionist institutions, individuals were critical of what the Begin Government had done.

The Palestinians totally rejected the Reagan plan. "How can they ask us to accept a plan depriving us of the right of self-determination?" he asked.

Mr Kaddumi said Israel had taken advantage of the focus on Lebanon to step up repression in the West Bank and Gaza.

He spoke shortly after the conference had accepted, amid applause, the PLO delegation as a full participant, at the same level as governmental delegations. This was in accordance with the recommendation of the preparatory committee.

Mr Kaddumi: Still hope for political solution.

Judgment in Thornhill case today

From Stephen Taylor Harare

Six white Zimbabwe Air Force officers are due to file into the High Court this morning for the final phase of the Thornhill sabotage trial. The outcome could have long-term consequences for Zimbabwe's relations with Britain and other Western nations.

Mr Justice Dumbutshena will deliver judgment on charges – that the officers helped to devastate the country's air defences – before a court packed with relatives and friends of the accused, journalists, diplomatic observers and legal experts.

However, most of those present will be just as intent on what happens afterwards as the judgment itself.

Legal sources here believe that at least some of the six will be acquitted. In the circumstances they believe the main question is whether the Government will allow acquitted officers to go free, or will re-detain them, as has happened in a number of previous security-related trials when judgment has gone against the state.

The six are Air Vice-Marshal Hugh Slatter, former Deputy Commander of the Air Force, Air Commodore Philip Pile, Wing Commander Peter Briscoe, Wing Commander John Cox, Air Lieutenant Barrington Lloyd and Air Lieutenant Neville Weir.

All pleaded not guilty to assisting three unnamed South African agents to penetrate secutiry at Thornhill to sabotage eight Hawker Hunters and four Hawk fighters on July 25, 1982. If found guilty they face the death penalty.

During the 44-day trial the state's production of statements by the officers admitting complicity were countered by evidence that they had been systematically denied access to lawyers and tortured in custody to force them to confess.

Four of the officers – Air Commodore Pile, Wing Commander Cox, Air Lieutenant Lloyd and Air Lieutenant Weir – hold dual British-Zimbabwe nationality, and concern at the allegations is understood to have included Downing Street. The matter almost certainly featured in talks between Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Robert Mugabe when the Zimbabwe Prime Minister was in London recently.

At least three whites and six blacks acquitted by the courts are still in custody.

Naked truth about Volga bath house

From Richard Owen Moscow

Russian bath houses, unlike certain kinds of sauna baths in the West, are not normally associated with sin. They are strictly segregated, and in the ladies' baths women can sweat, swat each other with birch twigs, and gossip in the knowledge that their menfolk are safely out of earshot next door.

Comrade Tylkin had other ideas. As head of the baths administration in Saratov, on the Volga, he obviously thought he had the right to inspect all his establishments. Or so he had told a colleague from Moscow one day as they shared a bottle of vodka in his office.

"Let's go and look at the ladies," Tylkin said thickly. Moments later the two stood swaying in the doorway of the ladies' bath house.

The female attendant, thinking they had got lost, gently pushed the two men out, but they came back. "Don't you know who I am?" demanded Mr Tylkin, peering through the steam. "I am the director of the baths . . ."

The naked ladies advanced towards him, birch twigs in hand. "Er, this is a random on-the-spot inspection," Mr Tylkin said, stepping backwards. "My colleague from Moscow . . ."

But his colleague had already retreated. One of the ladies phoned the police who threw Mr Tylkin out.

Comrade Tylkin rushed next door to the men's section, where he persuaded the beer-swilling customers to testify to the police that he was not drunk, as the women had claimed. He then called for beer for himself, and hearing that there was none left ordered the attendants to confiscate it from the customers.

The last straw came a few days later when Mr Tylkin, apparently unabashed, began checking the baths for unanthorized customers who had been admitted without tickets. The baths attendants appealed to the newspaper Trud, which sent two reporters down to Saratov to uncover the naked truth.

Men and women bathers all told Trud that Mr Tylkin was a tyrant, a drunkard, and a lecher, who had also run a tidy business on the side selling soap, cosmetics and towels.

Comrade Tylkin's fate is now being decided by the People's Control and the Ministry of Housing and Communal Services.

Stone's shuttle frustrated again

From Martha Honey, San José, Costa Rica

Mr Richard Stone, President Reagan's special envoy to Central America, is due to return to the Colombian capital, Bogotá, after an abortive 24-hour stay here in which he failed to hold a substantive meeting with Salvadorean revolutionary leaders.

A spokeswoman for the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR) the political wing of the Salvadorean guerrilla military organization, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), said that they were still trying to arrange a meeting.

The US envoy and the FDR-FMLN delegation, which is headed by Dr Guillermo Ungo, president of the FDR, held separate meetings on Monday night with President Alberto Monge of Costa Rica, who has been trying to mediate.

Mr Stone had arrived here late on Monday from El Salvador, refusing to state whether he planned negotiations with the Salvodorean left. At least three top FDR-FMLN leaders are reported to have gathered secretly in San Jose, but were refusing to talk to the press.

Sources say the FDR-FMLN has prepared a detailed proposal for a settlement of the four-year-old civil war modelled on the negotiated settlement which brought independence to Zimbabwe in 1979.

The plan is likely to contain proposals for an all-party conference to negotiate a ceasefire, draw up a new constitution and arrange elections.

US officials have stated repeatedly that Mr Stone's mission is intended to convince the guerrillas to take part in Salvadorean elections due early next year.

But in a statement issued in Panama over the weekend, FDR-FMLN leaders ruled out leftist participation in the elections and called for a power-sharing agreement with the US-backed government of President Alvaro Magana during an interim period leading up to elections.

An FDR statement issued here said that "middle level" officials from the organization had met in Bogotá early on Monday with representatives from the Salvadorean government's "peace commission" in an effort to set a date and place for future high-level talks. The statement said the meeting took place under the auspices of President Belisario Betancur of Colombia.

In his brief arrival statement Mr Stone appeared to be claiming some credit for convening the Bogata meeting. He said he was "pleased to announce" that the meeting had taken place and that it was "useful and successful".

The FDR-FMLN has, however, rejected Mr Stone's description of his role as a mediator.

● BOGATA: Mr Stone is due to arrive here today for talks between representatives of the Government of El Salvador and the guerrillas opposed to it (Geoffrey Mathews writes).

The talks – the first ever between the two sides – opened here on Monday in the presidential palace. Both sides were welcomed by President Betancur.

Poison tide closes beaches in France

Bayonne (Reuter) – Dozens of barrels labelled "cyanide of sodium", carried away by floods in the Spanish Basque country, have been washed ashore in south-west France.

Local authorities have banned swimming on most beaches.

Navy officials alerted ships in the Gulf of Gascony to take care, and an operation was put in hand to recover barrels still adrift.

Nigerian ruling party leads

Lagos (AFP) – President Shagari's National Party of Nigeria has won 145 of the 241 seats declared so far in Saturday's federal assembly elections.

The gains have further cemented the party's geographical spread. It polled more than 12 million votes, representing about 47 per cent of the total cast and reached the mandatory one-third of votes in 17 of the 19 states.

General jailed

Peking (AP)–General Wang Dabin who commanded armies of Red Guards in the mid-1960s, had been sentenced to nine years in prison, according to a Canton newpaper. He was charged with framing and persecuting Marshal Peng Teh-huai, the former Defence Minister.

Technical hitch

Antwerp (AP) – A 43-year-old businessman, Mr Jozef D'haens, has been arrested on charges of selling United States computer equipment to Hungary in violation of a trade embargo. Three weeks ago a Foreign Ministry official was arrested for selling information about Western technology to the Soviet block.

Thailand offer

Bangkok (Reuter) – Britain is prepared to take part in international financing of a £520m petrochemical fertilizer project using natural gas from the Gulf of Thailand, according to Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister of State for Trade and Industry, who is on a visit here.

Protestant goes

Guatemala City (AP) – Señor Ricardo Asturias Valenzuela, a Roman Catholic, has replaced Señor Jorge Serrano Elias, a Protestant appointed by ex-President Rios Montt, as head of the advisory Council of State.

Jail riot death

Honimy, Oklahoma (AP) – Governor George Nigh declared a state of emergency as police and National Guards struggled to control a riot at the Conner Correctional Centre in which one prisoner died, 23 people were injured and five buildings were burnt.

Corsica blasts

Ajaccio (Reuter) – Seven bombs exploded around the Corsican capital, after 10 similar attacks in the previous seven days. Buildings owned mainly by French residents were damaged.

MiGs spotted

Tokyo (AP) – Japan's Defence Agency has confirmed that the Soviet Union is stationing MiG23 fighters on Etorofu island, off the northern island of Hokkaido. Etorofu is claimed by Japan but occupied by the Russians.

Hit premiere

Athens (AP) – Mikis Theodorakis received a standing ovation at the Greek premiere of his First Symphony, at the Herod Atticus theatre below the Acropolis. He is best known for his popular songs.

Discord ends

New York (Reuter) – The New York City Opera Orchestra has accepted a three-year contract giving 6.5 per cent annual pay increases, after a 54-day strike during which musicians picketed the theatre.

Trials stopped

Lorient, (AP) – France has suspended indefinitely sea trials on a 280-ton gunboat ordered by Libya. France has already supplied Libya with nine similar vessels.

Heroin seized

Zurich (AP) – Police have seized a woman and a South American drug dealer at Zurich airport with about 11lb of heroin intended for sale in Switzerland and Italy.

Rebels routed

Maputo (AFP) – The Mozambican armed forces say they have swept through the southern province of Inhambane, destroying camps of the South African-backed Mozambique National Resistance and taking a "large number" of prisoners.

Greenland Dew

Copenhagen (AFP) – The US is to build two more radar stations in Greenland as part of the distant early warning (Dew) defence system.

Baby boom

Washington (AP)–World population grew by a record 82,077,000 in the past 12 months, to reach 4,721,887,000, according to the US Census Bureau.

China says no

Peking (AFP) – China has rejected a Vietnamese proposal for a ceasefire until October 8 along their border.

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Furore over Bonn immigration policy

Turk leaps to death from court

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

A left-wing Turkish activist whom the Government was trying to deport yesterday committed suicide by jumping from a sixth-floor window of the Berlin courthouse where his case was being heard.

He was Mr Kemal Altun, aged 23, and his death quickly unleashed a furore in Germany. The Social Democrats accused the Government of giving more credence to the Turkish military dictators than to its democratic opponents, and said Mr Altun was a victim of the harsh new policy towards foreigners being pursued by Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, the right-wing Minister of the Interior.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees had made a personal plea that Mr Altun be granted asylum.

Mr Altun had become a test case for the Government's declared intention to cut down the numbers granted asylum, but it aroused grave concern that it seemed to violate Germany's principal of not handing asylum-seekers back to the country where they faced persecution. His case was being heard by the highest administrative court of appeal, and he was supported by churchmen, trade unionists and numerous left-wing groups. Even Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, recently expressed doubts about deporting him to Turkey.

Mr Altun died at the start of the second day of the hearing by hurling himself through an open window in the court room as soon as his handcuffs were removed. His lawyer shouted at him "Don't do it, Kemal" as he leapt up from his seat. Attempts lasting half an hour failed to revive him.

As the leader of a now banned student group in Turkey, Mr Altun came to Berlin 18 months age. Turkey accused him of complicity in an assassination attempt on a right-wing politician, but withdrew the charge on seeking his extradition.

He spent the past 13 months in custody while his case was considered. Amnesty International maintained he would be tortured and imprisoned if he was returned.

However, Herr Zimmermann, who has proposed various measures to encourage foreigners to leave Germany and to stop anyone obviating imigration restrictions by making use of the liberal asylum laws, insisted that he be deported.

A number of other Turkish activists have already been sent back this year, and were promptly arrested on their return. This has helped fuel growing public disquiet over the proposed measures against foreigners. Mr Altun's deportation was delayed while his case was tested in the Federal Supreme Court in Berlin, which was expected to set a precedent. Meanwhile he appealed to the European Human Rights Commission.

Last week his brother, a member of the Turkish Parliament, told the court of torture of members of opposition groups in Turkey.

The Government reacted quickly and with concern to Mr Altun's suicide. A spokesman said it was especially tragic because the difficulties of deciding whether to deliver asylum-seekers to Turkey were especially clear in his case. He said the authorities had been particularly careful to come to a fair decision.



Dance of the toreador: The bull and matador Miguel Espinosa, known as "Armillita Chico", execute an evasive two-step in their encounter at San Sebastián de los Reyes, near Madrid.

Challenger launch turns night into day

From Trevor Fishlock
New York

In a flash of flame that turned night into day the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit from Cape Canaveral yesterday to start a six-day mission.

Rain delayed the lift-off for 17 minutes and the shuttle departed at 2.32am in the first night launching of a space craft since Apollo 17 eleven years ago.

A few hours after the launching, television pictures from the spacecraft showed the five crew members going about their work.

Challenger's journey is a dramatic demonstration of the reusability of the shuttle. The space craft made the seventh shuttle flight in July and was serviced in a record 67 days

One of the main tasks on this trip is to launch Insat-1B, a communications satellite, into orbit 22,300 miles above the Indian Ocean. The satellite which will provide telephone, television, and meteorological services for India, will be launched today with the shuttle's 50ft-long robot arm.

Among experiments to be conducted on board will be one which, it is hoped, will lead to a more efficient method of making insulin, leading to a new treatment for diabetics.

● MOSCOW: The Soviet Union marked the launching of Challenger yesterday by renewing accusations that the United States is using the shuttle programme to militarize space. Tass said one of the crew's tasks was intended to help the Pentagon replace "spy satellites"

Mulroney sweeps to victory

From John Best
Ottawa

The new leader of Canada's Progressive Conservative Party, Mr Brian Mulroney, has won himself a seat in parliament – and, just as important, shown that he has a more widespread influence. He will take over as Opposition leader when the Commons reconvenes on September 12.

While Mr Mulroney was sweeping to an overwhelming by-election triumph in the Nova Scotia Riding of Central Nova on Monday, another Tory candidate was marching to victory in a by-election at the opposite end of the country in British Colombia.

The victory of Mr Gerry St Germain in Mission-Port Moody, BC, was an upset. Mr St Germain, a 44-year-old poultry farmer defeated the New Democratic Party (NDP) candidate, Sophie Weremchuk, a school trustee, by more than 3,000 votes.

This could be interpreted as a sign that the photogenic and charismatic Mr Mulroney, aged 44, who won the leadership in June without ever having run for parliament, has the "coat tails" to help pull other Tory candidates into the Commons.

With 211 of 212 polls counted, Mr Mulroney had about 19,000 votes, Mr Alvin Sinclair, the Liberal candidate 7,861; and Mr Roy De Marsh of the NDP 4,109.

In a victory statement, Mr Mulroney said the Tory win offered new hope, new promise and new opportunity for Canada. "There is no longer any such thing as a safe Liberal seat anywhere in Canada".



Mr Mulroney: "No safe Liberal seat left"

Aquino 'hired killer' named

Manila (AP, Reuter) – The Philippines Government has identified the man is says killed the opposition leader, Benigno Aquino, and said he was a notorious "gun for hire" employed previously by crime syndicates or subversives.

The chief military investigator, Major General Prospero Olivas, said the man, who was shot dead by security forces immediately after Mr Aquino was killed on August 21, was named as Rolando Galman y Dawang.

President Marcos described the assassination as an "idiotic" crime that no Filipino politician would commit.

At a meeting with United States Senator Mark Hatfield, yesterday, he said that only local communists stood to benefit, not his Government, his party or the opposition, according to a Presidential Palace statement.

The statement reported Senator Hatfield as saying he understood the country's problems and would urge President Reagan to carry on with his planned visit to the Philippines in November.

Cardinal Jaime Sin Achbishop of Manila, yesterday called for a council of national reconciliation to establish contact between the Goverment and the Filipino people after the Aquino murder.

Cardinal Sin, who will officiate at the funeral, in Manila today, refused to serve on the judicial panel set up by President Marcos to investigate the murder.

● ISTANBUL: The Philippine Prime Minister, Mr Cesar Virata, said yesterday that – "Government elements" could have been involved in the Aquino murder (Reuter reports). In an interview he said: "We are not ruling that out. That is why an independent commission was formed".

Norway tries to right disaster rig

Oslo (Reuter) – Norway plans a new attempt this week to right the Alexander Kielland accommodation rig, which capsized in a hurricane in the North sea over three years ago in the worst offshore rig disaster so far.

The rig capsized on March 27, 1980, killing 123 oil workers, after one of its 800-tonne steel legs snapped loose. Oil industry experts hope a successful recovery will shed further light on the accident and improve safety.

The Norwegian company Stolt-Nielsen Seaway Contracting is confident it has found a way to right the rig and it plans to begin trimming the 150ft tall steel structure tomorrow and then turn the rig two days later.

A company spokesman said the task was comparable to turning an 18-storey building upside down.

The French-built Alexander Kielland was used as a hotel by up to 350 oil workers on the Ekofisk field on Norway's North Sea continental shelf. At the time of the disaster, 232 workers were on board.

Greece fails to convince Trudeau

From Mario Modiano
Athens

Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, who briefly interrupted a Greek island holiday with his three sons to have official talks with the Greek leaders on Monday and Tuesday, said yesterday that he had disagreed with a Greek proposal for a six-month delay in the deployment of missiles in Europe to give the Geneva talks a better chance.

Mr Trudeau said that Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, had not convinced him that the postponment of the deadline to June 1984 would improve the chances of agreement. "There has already been some movement on both sides in Geneva and this is largely due to the fact that December is the deadline", he told a press conference.

Mr Papandreou said that he had discussed at length the missile proposal with Mr Trudeau. But quite paradoxically he added: "I found his position on the issue quite logical".

The two men discussed the prospect of Canadian investments in Greece, brisker bilateral trade, and transfers of Canadian technology. At a banquet on Monday night Mr Papandreou called his Canadian colleague a "great radical" while Mr Trudeau spoke of Mr Papandreou as an "unconventional prime minister".

Mr Trudeau also asked Mr Papandreou whether the withdrawal of the Canadian contingent which served for the past 19 years with the UN peacekeeping force in Cyprus, could help solve the problem, but was told that this would hardly be the appropriate time

Walesa to defy Gdansk order – with flowers

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Mr Lech Walesa, seen on Polish Television screens on Monday night for the first time in 20 months, is likely to be the rogue card in today's celebrations of the Gdansk agreement which exactly three years gave birth to Solidarity.

Mr Jerzy Urban, the government spokesman, said yesterday that the Gdansk authorities had turned down a request by Mr Walesa to hold a commemorative meeting at 2.30pm today outside the Lenin shopyards. All meetings apart from the officially sanctioned ceremony in the morning, will be considered illegal.

But Mr Walesa had made clear his determination to lay flowers at the three towering crosses, marking the death of workers in 1970, near the shipyards gates. If he does so at the time that the shift changes at the shipyards between 2 and 3 pm a natural crowd may well gather.

In a speech last week–a reply to an anti-solidarity harague by Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowski the Deputy Prime Minister–Mr Walesa invited a government representative to lay flowers with him as an act of goodwill. The sentence was cut out of the television transmission of the encounter.

Apart from the Gdansk flashpoint, there may be trouble in other cities including Nowa Huta and Warsaw. Last year on August 31 demonstrations broke out throughout the country with running street battles between the police and Solidarity supporters in well over a dozen towns and cities. Five people died as a result.

This year, the solidarity underground has not called for demonstrations but for a boycott of all public transport, and of the official press. Workers are expected to stream through the streets, meeting at 4 pm at strategic places in a number of cities including the capital. Later the protesters, if they follow the appeal, will attend a Mass for Solidarity. Any of these occasions could provoke a demonstration.

The police are on full alert, but government officials say that they do not expect serious unrest today. They point to the failure of the go-slow called by the underground over the past week – a complete fiasco – is how Mr Urban described it – as a token that the Polish people do not want to follow the Solidarity leadership. Mr Urban quoted statistics showing that consumption of electricity by factories had increased over the past week. This showed that the go-slow had collapsed, he said.

Pacific nuclear ban fails

From Tony Duboudin, Melbourne

Australia has failed to achieve a strong commitment from the members of the South Pacific Forum for its proposal for a nuclear-free Pacific.

The forum concluded its two-day meeting in Canberra yesterday with an agreement in principle to the concept of a nuclear-free zone, but ministers felt that the time was not right to adopt a declaration supporting the plan.

Australia had hoped that if the fourm agreed, the proposal could have been circulated at the United Nations. This would have been an embarrassment to France.

The forum appeared split between those who said that the Australian proposal did not go far engough and those who said that it went too far.

Australia, supported by New Zealand, have proposed that US vessels should be allowed transit rights within the framework of a nuclear-free Pacific.

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SPECTRUM

Iskander Harappa married into Raza Hyder's family after Hyder had lost his first born son. Harappa patronizes his disappointed relative and appoints him as his personal trusty to reorganize his defeated army. But the roles are suddenly reversed in this third extract of *Shame* as Salman Rushdie concludes his fictional examination of the Zia-Bhutto rift and its continuing reverberations in Pakistan today.



SUCH IS THE SHAPE OF DEATH



General Hyder would remember to his dying day the time he had visited Iskander Harappa to discuss the defence budget and been slapped across the face for his pains. "Expenditure is falling below acceptable levels, Isky," he informed the prime minister, and to his astonishment Harappa banged on his desk so fiercely that the Mont Blanc pens jumped in their holders and the shadows in the corners hissed with alarm. "Acceptable to whom?" Iskander Harappa shouted. "The army does not say what goes, mister. No longer. Get that into your head. If we allot you 50 paisa a year, then that is what you must make do with. Get that straight and get out."

"Iskander," Raza said without raising his voice, "don't forget your friends."

"A man in my position has no friends," Harappa replied. "There are only temporary alliances based on mutual self-interest."

"Then you have ceased to be a human being," Raza told him, and added thoughtfully: "A man who believes in God must also believe in men." Iskander Harappa flew into an even more terrifying rage. "Look out, General," he shrieked, "because I can put you back in that dustbin where I found you." He had rushed out from behind his desk and was screaming right into Raza's face, depositing spittle on the general's cheeks. "God forgive you, Isky," Raza murmured, "you have forgotten that we are not your servants." It was at this point that Iskander Harappa struck him on a spittle-moistened cheek. He did not strike back, but remarked softly, "The blushes caused by such blows do not easily fade."

And in those later years, when Iskander Harappa was safely under the ground and his tough-as-nails daughter was locked away with her mother, Raza Hyder would find himself dreaming about that slap, and about all those years in which Isky Harappa had treated him like dirt. And Arjumand had been even worse; she had stared at him with such open hatred that he believed her capable of anything. Once Isky sent her, in his place, to the annual army parade, just to humiliate the soldiers by making them salute a woman, and a woman, what was more, who had no official status in the government; and Raza had made the mistake of mentioning his worries to the virgin Ironpants. "Maybe history has come between our houses," he said, "and things have gone wrong, but remember we aren't strangers, Arjumand, we go back a long way."

"I know," she said witheringly, "my brother is your cousin, I believe."



Chairman Iskander Harappa developed a toothache 30 seconds before the jeeps surrounded his home in the capital of unwanted airport terminals. His daughter Arjumand had just said something that tempted fate, and whenever anybody did that it made all of Iskander's betel-blackened teeth howl with superstitious anguish, especially after midnight, when such things are even more dangerous than they seem in the daylight.

"The steam has gone out of the opposition," Arjumand had suggested, much to her father's alarm. He had been musing in a contented after-dinner fashion about the rumoured escape of an albino panther in the wooded hills of Bagheeragali some 40 miles away; forcing his thoughts out of those haunted woods he scolded his daughter, "God knows how to wash off this optimism of yours; I'll have to dunk you in the reservoir behind the Barrage Dam."

Then his teeth began giving him hell, worse than ever before, and he said aloud in his surprise what he had suddenly thought: "I am smoking the last but one cigar of my life." No sooner had the prophecy left his lips than they were joined by an uninvited guest, an army officer with the saddest face in the world, Colonel Shuja, for six years ADC to General Raza Hyder. The colonel saluted and informed the prime minister of the coup. "Beg for pardon, sir, but you must accompany me at once to the Bagheeragali rest house."

Iskander Harappa realized that he had failed to grasp the meaning of his reverie, and smiled at his own stupidity. "You see, Arjumand," he said, "they want to feed me to the panther, isn't it so?" Then he turned to Shuja and asked who had given such orders. "Chief Martial Law Administrator, sir," the colonel replied. "General Hyder, sir, beg for pardon."

"Look at my back," Islander told his daughter, "and you *will* see a coward's knife."

Harappa was detained in some comfort at the government rest house in Bagheeragali, where of course he was not eaten by a panther. He even retained the use of a telephone, for incoming calls only; the Western newspapers found out the number and Iskander gave long, eloquent interviews to many overseas journalists. In these interviews he made detailed accusations, casting numerous doubts on Raza Hyder's good faith, moral fibre, sexual potency and legitimacy of birth. Still Raza remained tolerant. "That Isky," he confided to Colonel Shuja, "highly-strung bloke. Always was. And the chap is naturally upset; I'd be the same in his shoes. Also one must not believe everything one reads in the Christian press."

"Suppose you hold elections and he wins, sir," Colonel Shuja ventured as his face acquired the most dolorous expression Raza had ever seen on that unhappy countenance, "beg for pardon, sir, but what'll he do to you?"

Raza Hyder looked surprised. "What is this *do*?" he cried. "To me? His old comrade, his family member by marriage? Have I tortured him? Have I thrown him in the public lock-up? Then what is there for him to do?"

"Family of gangsters, sir", Shuja said, "those Harappas, everyone knows. Revenge crimes and what-all, its in their blood, beg for pardon, General."

From that moment Raza Hyder's bruised forehead acquired deep furrows of thought, and two days later he announced to his ADC, "We're going to see that fellow pronto and just sort everything out."

Afterwards Colonel Shuja would swear that until that meeting between Raza and Iskander the general had never thought of assuming the presidency. "That stupid man," he always stated when asked, "brought his fate on his own head." Shuja drove with General Hyder to Bagheeragali, and as the staff car climbed the hill roads their nostrils were assailed by the sweet scent of pine-cones and beauty, those aromas which had the power of lifting the heaviest hearts and making one think that nothing was insoluble. And at the Bagheeragali bungalow the ADC waited in an antechamber while the fateful conference took place.

Iskander Harappa's premonition about the cigars had come true, because in spite of all the air-conditioning units and cut-glass goblets and Shirazi rugs and other creature comforts at the rest house he had been unable to locate a single ashtray, and when he asked the guards to have a box of his favourite Havanas sent from his home they had politely told him it was impossible.

The smoking ban possessed Isky's thoughts, wiping out his appreciation of his comfortable bed and good meals, because it was plain that somebody had ordered the guards to deny him his smokes, so he was being told something – *watch out* – and he didn't like it, no sir. The absence of cigar smoke left a rancid taste in his mouth. He began to chew betel nut non-stop, deliberately spitting the juice out on the priceless rugs, because his rage had begun to overcome the fastidious elegance of his true nature. The paans made his teeth hurt even more, so what with everything that had gone wrong inside his mouth it wasn't surprising his words turned bad as well. . . .

Raza Hyder could not have been expecting the reception he got, because he went into Iskander's room with a conciliatory smile on his face; but the moment he shut the door the cursing began, and Colonel Shuja swore that he saw wisps of blue smoke emerging from the keyhole, as if there were a fire inside, or 420 Havana cigars all smoking away at the same time.

Isky Harappa cursed Raza for an hour and a half without permitting any interruption. Betel juice and the absence of tobacco added to his already enormous vocabulary of imprecations a deadlier rancour than it had ever possessed in the days of his rakehell youth. By the time he finished the walls of that room were spattered from top to bottom with betel juice, the curtains were ruined, it looked as if a herd of animals had been slaughtered in there, as if turkeys or goats had been struggling wildly in their death-throes, rushing around the room with the blood spewing from the red smiles on their throats. Raza Hyder came out with paan juice dripping off his clothes, his moustache was full of it and his hands shook as the red fluid dribbled off his fingertips, as if his hands had been washed in a bowl of Iskander's lifeblood. His face was paper-white.

General Hyder did not speak until the staff car had pulled up outside the C-in-C's residence. Then he said casually to Colonel Shuja: "I have been hearing some terrible things about Mr Harappa's period in office. That man does not deserve to be set loose. He is a menace to the country."

Two days later General Hyder's son-in-law, Talvar Ulhaq, made the statement in which, under oath, he accused Iskander Harappa of arranging for the murder of his cousin, Little Mir. When Colonel Shuja read this document he thought, wonderingly: "Just look where bad language will get you."



Chairman Iskander Harappa was taken from Bagheeragali rest house to the Kot Lakhpat jail in Lahore. He was kept there in solitary confinement. He suffered from malaria and from infections of the colon. There were bouts of severe influenza. His teeth began to fall out; and he lost weight in other ways as well.

The trial took place in the High Court at Lahore, before five Punjabi judges. At one point Iskander used the phrase, "Damn it," and was reprimanded for the use of bad language in court. He apologized: "My state of mind is not good." The Chief Justice replied: "We don't care." This made Iskander lose his temper. "I've had enough," he cried, "of insults and humiliations". The Chief Justice ordered police officers: "Take that man away until he regains his senses." Another judge added the following remark: "We cannot tolerate this. He thinks he is the former Prime Minister, but we do not care for him." All this is on the record.

At the end of the six-month trial, Iskander Harappa was sentenced to hang by the neck until dead and immediately moved into the death-cell at Kot Lakhpat jail. He was given just seven days, instead of the usual 30, to lodge an appeal.

Iskander announced: "Where there is no justice, there is no point in seeking it. I shall not appeal."



What is the shape of death? Death's cell is ten feet long, seven wide, eight high, 62.2 cubic yards of finality beyond which there awaits a certain courtyard, a last cigar, silence. *I will insist on Romeo y Julietas. That story also ends in death* . . . They call this solitary confinement but he is not alone, there are flies fornicating on his toenails and mosquitoes *drinking from* the pool of his wrists, putting the blood to some use before before it all goes to waste. Four guards in the corridor, too: in short, plenty of company. And sometimes they let his lawyers pay a call.

Through the door of the iron bars comes the stink of the latrine. In the winter he shivers but the low temperature takes the edge off that brown and foetid smell. In the hot season they switch off the ceiling fan and the odour bubbles and swells, stuffing its putrid fingers up his nose, making his eyes bulge even though his tear ducts are dry.

Two years from fall to hanging, and almost the whole time spent in the enclosed space of death.

If it is a dream, and sometimes in the fever of his days he thinks it is, then (*he also knows*) *the dreamer* is someone else. He is inside the dream, or he would not be able to touch dream-insects; dream-water would not burn him . . . someone is dreaming him. God, then? No, not God. He struggles to remember Raza Hyder's face.

Comprehension comes before the end. He, Harappa brought the general from the wilderness into the world. The general of whom this cell is one small aspect, who is general, omnipresent, omnivorous: it is a cell inside his head. *Death and the general*: Iskander sees no difference between the terms. *From darkness into light, from nothingness into somethingness. I made him, I was his father, he is my seed. And now I am less than he.*

Then another step, which takes him beyond such aching simplicities. The father should be superior and the son, inferior. *But now I am low and he, high.* An inversion: the parent become the child. *He is turning me into his son.*

His son. Who emerged dead from the womb with a noose about his neck. *That noose seals my fate.* Because now he understands the cell, the throbbing walls, the smell of excrement, the drumbeat of a foul invisible heart: death's belly, an inverse womb, *dark* mirror of a birthplace, its purpose is to suck him in, to draw him back and down through time, until he hangs foetal in his own waters, with an umbilical cord hung fatally round his neck. He will leave this place only when its mechanisms have done their work, death's baby, travelling down the death canal, and the noose will tighten its grip.

A man will wait a lifetime for revenge. The killing of Iskander Harappa avenges the still-born child. *Yes: I am being unmade.*

Iskander Harappa was persuaded by his lawyers to lodge an appeal against the High Court's *sentence of death*. The appeal was heard by a bench of seven judges sitting in the Supreme Court in the new capital. By the time the Supreme Court hearings ended he had been in captivity for a year and a half; and a further six months were to pass before the body of the former prime minister arrived at Mohenjo in the care of Talvar Ulhaq, who had, by then, been returned to active police duty.

Elections were not held. Raza Hyder became president. All this is well known.

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Shame, by *Salman Rushdie, is to be published by Jonathan Cape on September 8, price £7.95.*

May I interpose a few words here on the subject of the Islamic revival? It won't take long. Pakistan is not Iran. This may sound like a strange thing to say about the country which was, until Khomeini, one of the only two theocracies on earth (Israel being the other), but it's my opinion that Pakistan has never been a mullah-dominated society.

The religious extremists of the Jamaart party have their supporters among the college students and so forth, but relatively few people have ever voted Jamaart in an election. Jinnah himself, the Founder or Quaid-i-Azam, doesn't strike me as a particularly God-bothered type. Islam and the Muslim state were, for him, political and cultural ideas; the theology was not the point.

What I am saying will probably be anathematized by the present regime in that hapless country. Too bad. My point is that Islam might well have proved an effective unifying force in post-Bangladesh Pakistan, if people hadn't tried to make it into such an almighty big deal. Maybe Sindhis, Baluchis, Punjabis and Pathans, not to mention the immigrants, would have sunk their differences for the sake of their common faith.

Few mythologies survive close examination, however. And they can become very unpopular indeed if they're rammed down people's throats.

What happens if one is force-fed such outsize, indigestible meals? – One gets sick. One rejects their nourishment. Reader: one pukes.

So-called Islamic "fundamentalism" does not spring, in Pakistan, from the people. *It is imposed on them from above.* Autocratic regimes find it useful to espouse the rhetoric of faith, because people respect that language, are reluctant to oppose it. This is how religions shore up dictators; by encircling them with words of power, words which the people are reluctant to see descredited, disenfranchised, mocked.

But the ramming-down-the-throat point stands. In the end you get sick of it, you lose faith in the faith, if not *qua* faith then certainly as the basis for a state. And then the dictator falls, and it is discovered that he has brought God down with him, that the justifying myth of the nation has been unmade. This leaves only two options: disintegration, or a new dictatorship . . . no, there is a third, and I shall not be so pessimistic as to deny its possibility. The third option is the substitution of a new myth for the old one. Here are three such myths, all available from stock at short notice: liberty; equality; fraternity.

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moreover... Miles Kington

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Horizons of Love, by Gwendolen Fastnet

High in the skies over Dorking the Spitfire and Messerschmidt twisted and turned, each trying to gain ascendancy over the other. "Hurricane" Kate, at the controls of the Spitfire, had already shot down 20 Huns, yet she knew that this time she had an opponent worthy of her.

"Got you now!" she whispered, as she turned and banked towards the sleek shape of the German plane. But all she saw was empty sky. Glancing back over her shoulder, she saw with horror the Messerschmidt coming down at her out of the sun. There was no way she could escape now. With resignation, she patted her hair into shape and closed her eyes.

"We'll meet again, Weiss nicht where, weiss nicht wann," said her radio softly. She opened her eyes, just in time to see the enemy cockpit flash past and a cheery face wink at her. Johnny von Arndorf! The one they called the Handsome Hun. How she hated him. Horribly humiliated, she realized that he had just spared her life.

"I'll get you, Johnny," she vowed. And so indeed she would, but she never suspected that it would be as Mrs Johnny von Arnsdorf, after twists and turns of fate that would leave history breathless.

The Silken Sands, by Trudi Blessed

"We do not normally taken women in the Foreign Legion," said Major Pierre Danois. He paused, regarding the way her trim figure fitted into the uniform. "And yet, in your case . . . I presume you are joining to forget a great and tragic love?"

"Not at all," said Joan briskly. "I am looking for adventure, a hard life and a bit of a suntan."

Adventure came sooner than she thought. That evening she was pinned in a corridor of the fort by an unshaven Yugoslav recruit called Yukovic, who smelt of cheap wine. His hands started to explore her uniform.

"I have never had a girl from Guildford," he leered.

"Nor will you, laddie!" sang out a voice. It was Alec, the cheery Glaswegian she had met earlier. But before Alec could move, Joan had kneed Yukovic in the groin, chopped him to the back of the neck and kicked him twice expertly as he sank groaning to the floor.

"This fort needs cleaning up and I aim to see *it gets done*," said Joan clearly as she strode past the open-mouthed Alec. Behind a hidden screen Major Danois smiled and twirled his moustache. He would break this *little desert beauty* before long, he thought, which showed how little he knew about girls from Guildford.

The Hot Summer Campaign, by Wendy Thrumb

On the retreat through Greece in front of the advancing Germans, Captain Leonard Tasker felt strangley protective towards the 3,000 men and 2,800 mules under his command. He also felt stangely protective towards Xenia, the proud Greek peasant girl who had attached herself to the company, even though accommodation was desperately hard to find for her.

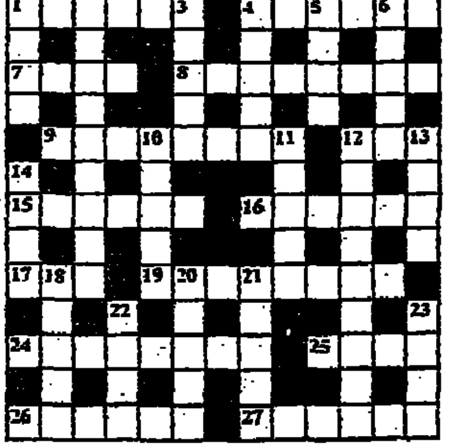
"Hope you don't mind mentioning it to you, sir," said the *old sergeant* to him one day, "but the men are begining to talk about the way that girl sleeps in your tent at night."

"Heavens," said Leonard, flushing. "Surely they don't think there's anything . . ."

But Leonard's loyalties are sharply divided when Xenia, out foraging for yoghurt is captured by the Germans. Should he continue the retreat without her, or turn and fight them for possession of the girl whom he finds so inexplicably fascinating despite not being able to understand a word she says? A taut epic of revenge, pusuit and military incompetence, with many riveting details about mule maintenance.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

ALAN FRANKS' DIARY

The radical chic of it all

I am – aren't we all? – a member of a nuclear family, and the four-month-old baby is by far our most potent piece of weaponry. He goes off at irregular intervals, and, like the neutron bomb, destroys life as we know it while leaving property intact. He is doing so now. The Street Radical drops by in search of cooperation for the summer party. Fine in principle, except that his house is a Nuclear Free Zone – it says so on the front window – so presumably I would be disbarred from attending meetings there with the above progeny.

SALT talks reconvened at, where else? the breakfast table. My son is standing out for increased spending on conventional arms, including a full Robin Hood outfit and life-size claymore. He reckons this would bring him into line with his sister's receipt of a battery organ, the Junior Tonemaster. I explain that this does not fall within the nuclear umbrella, being an instrument of culture and harmony, but at this moment an atonal toccata, more Schoenberg than Schumann, pulses in from the "music room". Not even Holst's bringer of war could stiffen the sinews and summon up the blood so well, and I begin to see the lad's point. This is clearly an issue for the next full CRUET conference (Conference to Resist Unnecessarily Expensive Toys). The baby, meanwhile, is chipping in with his own strident early warning system, which bodes ill for the mid-1980s. These emerging nations are all very well, but they are often a bit light on diplomacy.

My son appears with a gaudy brochure of the desired hardware. *Jane's Fighting Planes* could have trebled its readership with such vivid display, and I confess I am drawn to the document. But goodness, the prices. Even the most humble instrument of oblivion is an unacceptably high proportion of the gross domestic product. My son is furious at this and stumps off down the hall to convene an ad hoc YELL meeting.

I take another look at the pamphlet of death and am intrigued as to where it came from. Petranella's boys? I doubt it: there is a freeze on relations with them. The Maitland children? No, such literature would not be countenanced in that state; the household has always held itself up as a demilitarized zone (despite the Stroessner-like paternalism of the president), a sort of Costa Rica of the Central Richmond Isthmus. Where then? I have a hunch it emanates from the Street Radical's preserve. Just a hunch, but a very strong one. I fancy there is a marked strain of bellicosity in his protectorate. You only have to look at his two cats, Fidel and Raoul, and their wild-eyed forays into the scrubland of the park.

First meeting of SPOC (Summer Party Organization Committee). We are *chez* Street Radical in his surprisingly bijou dwelling. There are Sandinista posters behind frameless perspex against the hessian, and the rear sector of the knocked-through lounge is solid with Baluchistan. Around the table are Mr and Mrs Radical (she too is in publishing); two of their (I do not mean to be unkind) token pensioners; myself and – dear God – Petranella. Not even Contadora could have assembled such a range of potential dissonants. I have put my head in the lion's mouth by bringing the neutron bomb with me, but Fidel and Raoul are showing a surprising sense of rapport (I hope that is what it is) by slinking across the Amtico towards the pram.

A breakdown in the CRUET talks, with a chasm between the two superpowers (wife and self), and heightened tension among the client states. I realize now that we have gone multilateral (beleaguered on all sides).

Radical roars down the road in his poor man's Range-Rover – the Rancho Sumatra or Macho Sinatra or whatever it is – and my hunch about the pamphlet hardens into a conviction.

Second SPOC meeting. It now transpires that party proceeds are to go to CND, at which point the pensioners, and Petranella, stand up to leave. There is no warlike aspect to match that of the Old Dear when roused. Petranella, of course, needs no such metamorphosis. I have in my hand a piece of paper, to coin a phrase. It is THAT PAMPHLET, smuggled in beneath the counterpane of the pram, and I let it drop on to the Amtico as the Radical boys teem into the smoke-filled conference room with the glint of fresh atrocities in their eyes. The elder one (quite a senior citizen at nine), snatches it from the floor, screaming: "It's mine! It's mine!"

A compromise: party profits will now go to the NSPCC. Save the Parents will not take this lying down.



Too clean for comfort

Veronica Groocock talks to a woman to whom keeping the house clean is a painful obsession

John Manning

Betty Friedan, the American writer, once declared, in a variation on Parkinson's Law, that "housework expands to fill the time available". The year was 1963, and Ms Friedan's book, *The Feminist Mystique*, became a seminal feminist text for its exposure of the "bored housewife" syndrome. Despite the benefits of labour-saving gadgets, she observed, the modern housewife probably spent more time on housework than her grandmother did.

Twenty years on, June Quehen's bungalow in Lewes, a microcosm of neatness in this small, spruce Sussex town, is tangible testimony to the claim. She shares it with husband Steve, a freelance composer and arranger, their 18-year-old son Timothy, and a cat called Mu-lon.

The family home is spotless, utterly devoid of dust and clutter. Walls and surfaces gleam, most of the furniture is modern and functional, and every item has its allotted place. Nothing less would satisfy June Quehen, whose desire for a tidy home oversteps normal boundaries of domestic punctilliousness. Her days are dominated by a punishing ritual of cleaning, washing and polishing, in strict rotational order, from nine in the morning until teatime (shopping, cooking and other chores have to be fitted in later). It is a daily obsession that has remained with her throughout 31 years of marriage, despite all attempts to thwart it with drugs, psychotherapy and electric shock treatment.

A smartly dressed, intelligent and articulate woman of 54, June Quehen can rationalize her bizarre obsession, and even joke about it, albeit in a weary, déjà vu fashion. But if she ever tries to stop the ritual, she becomes hysterical or deeply depressed.

"The depression seems to lift when I've finished cleaning", she says. "I feel I've achieved something at the end of each day. I haven't, but my head feels clearer.

"The family suffer terribly. The thought of any mess is devastating for me, I live in terror of burglars." They *were* burgled once, in their previous home in Brighton. Luckily, she recalls wryly, "he was an exceptionally tidy burglar".

The Quehens rarely entertain at home, because of the inevitable disruption to her routine. Yet it is hard to reconcile June Quehen's poised, outgoing manner and well-groomed appearance with the "obsessional" tag. She seems the antithesis of the flustered household drudge.

"It's a big act", she says, "a façade that I've adopted over the years. I go to great lengths not to make people feel uncomfortable. I can keep up appearances, but I get in such a terrible state inside that I feel sick with it. It makes friendships a *bit* limited. I often wonder what would happen if the house was on fire. I'm sure I would still have to finish cleaning it!"

Although she laughs now and again at what she terms her "madness", she is only too aware of the resultant strains on family life. She still feels guilty about her decision to send Timothy, an only child, to boarding school. "He was only eight. I wouldn't allow his friends in the house, and that is so very bad for a child. He couldn't play or develop properly. I was always tidying his toys and putting *them* away."

Timothy, who plans to move out soon and share a flat, is reticent by nature, but admits that his mother's obsessional behaviour has been "getting on my nerves quite a bit over the past few months. It does affect you, because of other things on my mind like trying to get a job.

"My mum comes into my room and dusts around, but not if I have friends here. A mate I have known for six or seven years has got used to it. I don't usually tell my friends because it's too long a story – not that it would bother me if someone found out. A couple of years ago it might have done."

Steve Quehen rents a small office in Brighton. In their previous home, he worked in a converted garage in the basement. As a composer/arranger he needed to surround himself with stacks of paper.

"It was not that messy and muddly", he recalls, "but I liked to think it could have been. . . . June never really liked the room. She thought it was a nasty, dirty hole. I was always rather unhappy that she didn't like that atmosphere of muddle.

"I knew she was a depressive. The obsession seemed to arise out of the depression. It crept up without one expecting it.

"I used to take Tim out on Sundays to get him out of the way when he was quite little. I always felt that June couldn't function till I was out of her way. Only if she was really 'in extremis' would I be diverted from my work. One chucks the sponge in then, and stays up a couple of hours to make up time. She always gave me as much freedom as she possibly could to work.

"One copes because one has to. I have got so used to it that it really doesn't matter any more. I have a nice clean home. . . .

"What really distresses *me* is seeing June become increasingly tired by this obsession as the years roll by. I am upset that earlier on it wasn't possible, medically, for it to be sorted out, so that this very real physical tiredness could have been alleviated."

Steve wipes the dishes or lays the table but other chores are strictly June's domain. She, no one else, must see to them, and in *her* way. "Tim makes his bed and I go and remake it", she admits, "If I've had a bad bout of flu, Steve's helped out, but all the time I am worried sick: 'Will I ever get it straight again?' I can't relax and enjoy my flu!"

A period cottage with "character" would be more to her taste, but all those nooks and crannies would only spell disaster. She tried living in one once, but became suicidal and suffered a massive breakdown culminating in two years as a pschiatric inpatient.

She has tried part-time work, but could not cope and "collapsed in a heap" after staying up all night to get the housework done. She admits she is getting more and more exhausted each day.

"I've cut myself off from relatives. They just say 'Pull yourself together'. That annoys me, because nobody could be more involved – *mentally* with outside interests, than myself.

"Friends 'drop' me because they know I can never get out. It's almost my dream to go out for a morning coffee. . . . I don't think people really understand when it comes down to practicalities – when you can't get somewhere, can't do something. They just drift off in the end. I feel completely isolated.

"Yes, I'm afraid I do feel bitter. I've tried not to. Now that old age is creeping on, I find it's all been such a sheer waste".

The only time she can ever "switch off" is when she goes away for a short break. Even then, after a few days she starts scouring the hotel broom cupboard. . . . "I must be a chambermaid's dream!"

At home she has "got through" endless vacuum cleaners and always keeps one on standby, just in case.

Perhaps the cruellest irony is June's dislike of the "conventional housewife" image. She bristles when praised for being "houseproud". "People refuse to accept it is a problem, an illness. They think of it as a virtue. 'Come and do *my* house', thay say. I'm tired of that one".

Psychiatric theories as to what triggered off June Quehen's obsession range from a traumatic affair with a married man when she was 18, to her upbringing. She says she was a "typical" teenager, very untidy, but never had a real "base". Her mother was housekeeper to a clergyman: "It was very much an upstairs/downstairs life. When I married and had a place of my own, I wanted to make it perfect."

At the back of her mind, she is uneasy about losing her obsession, frightened of the void it would leave in such a rigidly structured life.

One remaining option is a brain operation. Anxious though she is to find a cure, June Quehen feels this would be too drastic a step. "Better the devil you know than be some kind of vegetable".

How these 'rituals' can be treated

The OED definition of obession is "an unreasonably persistent idea in the mind." Joy Melville, in *Phobias And Obsessions*, describes obsessive rituals as "placatory acts" designed to ward off "unspecified but impending doom". They "reassure obsessives that no harm will befall them".

One common method of treatment is behaviour therapy. This exposes a patient to the particular "cue" that sparks off the ritual. Compulsive cleaners like June Quehen would be confronted with deliberate untidiness and dissuaded from clearing it up. Drawers and cupboards would be flung open and their contents left in disarray.

Dr Robert Sharpe practises behaviour therapy in Wimpole Street. "Obsessionality", he says, "is a matter of degree. Everybody is obsessional. Some people have to spend the first hour getting up, washing, dressing and so on, in a very ritualistic fashion. It is a normal coping mechanism."

"It's when the rituals start to eat into, and take over, other parts of the waking day that they become pathological."

He believes that an obsession with housework often stems from excessive conditioning into the traditionally female role. "Some women become obsessionally guilty because they are 'only' housewives – forgetting that they are doing the most tricky job of all: bringing up young kids and looking after a home.

"The general theme is *under-used talent*. 'The Devil makes work for idle hands' is very opposite in this situation."

Colin Blowers, a behaviour therapist with a nursing background at Brighton's New Sussex Hospital, emphasizes the vital role of the co-therapist; a friend or relative who can be taught the correct approach and responses in the patient's treatment – the pat on the back when a ritualistic urge is curbed, the ready cup of tea or coffee as reward for achieving mutually agreed "targets".

He has found that about 50 per cent of obsessional patients can be helped. About three people per thousand develop obsessional problems of various kinds, he says, and men are equally prone to the condition.

TALKBACK

Still in fear

From a reader in south-west London

As one of those "battered wives" we hear so much about, I would like to put another side of the access rights controversy.

For years I was married to a very violent man until I finally escaped with my two sons to a Woman's Aid refuge. In due course I obtained various injunctions, custody orders and my decrees. Because I feel that my sons had a right to see him I did not fight the access order. I am now committed, for the next 10 years, to making sure that the children are at a certain place at a certain time three Sundays a month.

What this means is that I can never be free of him. He will always know where I am, what I do, whom I see and who visits me; he questions the children about this all the time. Any future relationship I may form will be overhadowed by the fear that he will know about it and that my friends will be harassed (or worse). Violent men rarely have any respect for the law, they act first and consider the consequences afterwards.

I lost my home and all my possessions (my fear of reprisal outweighed everything else), and I can hardly be said to have gained my freedom or even peace of mind. Having lived in fear of this man for years I find I am still living in fear of him – because the access rights demand that I have to do so.

Cervical cancer

From Dr O. A. N. Husain, Regional Cytology Centre, The Divison of Pathology, Victoria Health Authority, St Stephen's Hospital, Chelsea, SW10.

Your article, "How Screen Tests Can Save Lives" (August 17), has missed an important point at issue. The screening programme of the NHS carries out about three million smears each year to cover the 15 to 17 million women at risk from cervical cancer. If evenly spread over the population, such an effort would have a substantial effect on the mortality rate from this cancer, which exists, on average, for some five to 10 years as a detectable pre-cancerous condition. Of all the smear tests received by the screening laboratories in this country, some 55 per cent come from those under 35 years old (from about seven million women) compared with 45 per cent from the 14 million over 35.

It is only when the numbers screened risk to a significant level that the mortality drops. It is obvious that between 60 and 70 per cent of the young women in this country are probably having tests, compared with less than 30 per cent of those over 35, when true cancer develops.

Concentration of effort, therefore, should be on involving by persuasion and encouragement to the young middle-aged and older women to come forward to be tested. A much higher proportion of over 35s attend the screening projects at the mobile clinics of the Women's National Cancer Control Campaign than those who attend the statutory clinics.

The problem is not one of providing screening service, it is the involvement of those at greatest risk which, apart from the more sexually active high risk groups, are those of age. We must attract the 35 to 55s to avail themselves of our free screening service. The task is one of health education and publicity and provision of a wide range of smear collections to suit all groups and ages of women.

Sclerosis therapy

From Dr P. B. James

I would like to correct a number of points in the article "MS dispute" (Medical Briefing, August 5). The use of hyperbaric oxygen in the treatment of multiple sclerosis is not based on my proposition that the cause of the initial damage in the disease is the blockage of the microcirculation of the nervous system by fat particles.

These ideas were the subject of an article in *The Lancet* last year, but reports of improvement with intermittent high pressure oxygen have been published independently in six countries over the last 13 years, and relate to more than 700 patients. These have been confirmed by controlled animal studies and a double-blind, controlled trial in multiple sclerosis sufferers at New York University, despite the utilization of oxygen in a way appropriate to a pharmaceutical preparation.

The credit for most of the recent effort should go to Dr R. A Neubauer of Florida, who has continued to use and research this therapy in spite of constant opposition, because he found it was of benefit to patients, even in the later stages of the disease when there is no question of a cure. Finally, the 250 patients treated in Dundee have been treated by ARMS, in their self-help centre, not by me.

COMMENT

C. J. White

Why don't you call me sometime?

The easy-going doctor-patient relationship of the local Medical Aid Societies of the past has long gone. The family doctor then would make his rounds on foot, or maybe in an old banger. A note to his surgery, or a message by a neighbour, would bring him hot foot. He would continue to call until his patient recovered. But not today! "Put a call in" is the watchword.

The family surgery has been replaced by a modern health centre. The patient public wait on terraced rows of benches as at a tennis match. They face a glassed-in area filled with women who tap typewriters, shuffle papers and gossip on telephones. They are the Great Man's guardians, and no one penetrates to his inner sanctum without his secretary's say-so.

He sits in his surgery like a king in his castle, mouthing platitudes and scribbling prescriptions for pills, potions and tablets in vast variety.

The reason for this remoteness between doctor and patient is hard to determine. The system may have been imported from their own countries by the foreign doctors of which the NHS seems to employ a preponderance. It is difficult to believe that it is a BMA ruling. Certainly there is no warmth or compassion as such in the doctor-patient relationship these days.

If my case is typical, as is likely, the whole system needs a drastic overhaul. Persistent severe pains in the back caused me to call in a local doctor, via officialdom in the shape of his myrmidons. He placed one hand on my bare back and the other on my chest. "Your chest is all right," he announced. I could have disabused him there as 50 years of mine dust has impaired my breathing somewhat. However, it was my back I was concerned with.

"You have arthritis of the spine," he announced after this perfunctory examination. "The bones are crumbling. I will give you some tablets. They are pain-killers, of course. Come and see me in a month."

The tablets were Opren, which had not then been condemned as a potential killer. I told the doctor they were ineffective, as I was still getting excruciating pains.

"I'll change the tablets," he said. "We'll find something to hit it."

I thought that was a peculiar remark, but gave them a good trial. Eventually I had to call him in again, as he never came to see how I was progressing. This time I managed to tell him the stabbing pains occurred in places other than my spine. I asked him if he thought X-rays would show up the cause. Offhandedly he said I could have X-rays if I wished, then gave me a date and time to attend the health centre.

A cubby hole in the glass partition gave access to one whom I assumed was the secretary. I told her what I had come for. She opened a book on her desk. "Have you put a call in?" she wanted to know. I replied that the doctor had told me to come that morning.

"The doctor doesn't make appointments," she retorted. "You have to put a call in." She shut the book and stared past me at the next person in the queue. Obviously I had breached the sacrosanct "put a call in" code and was being summarily dismissed. I thrust my head farther through the cubby hole.

"Look," I insisted, "the doctor told me to attend this morning for X-rays to my back. Ask him." She looked a bit nonplussed and consulted the book again. Then she picked up the telephone on her desk. Evidently she was told to send me in, as she banged down the receiver, glared at me and pointed behind her "Down that corridor."

So I had my X-rays, but I had not "put a call in", and thereby questioned the authority of the secretary. How that affected my future treatment I shall never know, as it is on such people that a patient's well-being largely depends. At least after six months I was still ignorant of what the X-rays disclosed. I still get excruciating pains, but the doctor never came near.

The originator of the iniquitous "put a call in" should be called to account. Presumably a lack of calls means more time for the doctor to spend on the golf course or whatever. Surely if he had the welfare of his patients in mind he would visit them regularly, not wait for each one to "put a call in".

A doctor's secretarial back-up has expanded out of all reason. The gaggle of gossiping females shielded by the glass partition should be disbanded and, replaced by additional qualified personnel. The paper pushers, typewriter tappers, knitters, tea drinkers and telephone gossipers would never be missed. The old family doctor managed very well without such a host of female retainers.

The NHS, despite its shortcomings, has the potential to confound its critics. It is only necessary for its administrators to come down from their ivory tower. They should check, incognito, on the nitty gritty of the local health centres. They would then surely institute the necessary reforms.

Naughty but nice

By the time she had finished writing The Ultimate Chocolate Book, *Jennie Reekie, this week's guest cook, was better friends with her neighbours but not with her bathroom scales. Here she shares two favourite recipes from the new book (Ward Lock, October 31).*

GUESTCOOK



Jennie Reekie

Being something of a "choc-aholic", I was delighted when I was commissioned to write a book on cooking with chocolate. My 12-year-old daughter was ecstatic at the thought and, even though the 14-year-old, who is far more practical than the rest of us, muttered about spots and getting fat, I think even she was secretly looking forward to tasting the results.

I started the research and testing, and spent some glorious hours making (and tasting) decorations, dark rich cakes, mousses and puddings. But I had finished only about one third of it, about 50 recipes, when the horror of what I had undertaken began to dawn on me. Already several pounds heavier, I found myself feeling a deep sympathy for the people who work in chocolate factories. No wonder they develop an antipathy towards the stuff.

Although the culprit in this case happened to be chocolate, I am sure exactly the same thing would happen if I were asked to write as many recipes for smoked salmon or caviare. Not surprisingly the girls quickly tired of being offered chocolate cake for breakfast, followed by a choice of chocolate desserts for lunch and dinner, and as time was getting increasingly short for me to finish the manuscript, I did not have time to do any other cooking as well, so they had to resort to making themselves omelettes and toasted sandwiches.

What to do with the plethora of goodies I was turning out almost daily was becoming a problem. I gave them away to friends and neighbours and, feeling rather like Snow White's stepmother, I would swoop out of the cottage to offer comparative strangers a variety of chocolate cakes, biscuits, fudges, toffees and similar goodies.

I know I should have been efficient and put them in the freezer, but at the time I did not think I would ever be able to face them again. Nor were they suitable for the next school fête as they all looked rather as if a mouse had been nibbling at them after I had had my obligatory taste.

It did come to an end of course, and, even at the time we all felt we never wanted to eat anything chocolate again there were a few things that were so good we all found them irresistable. Rum cake and American chocolate mousse torte are two.

I am also pleased to report that after a six-month sabbatical we are all eating chocolate again, and I did make some permanent friends among neighbours who loved the handouts. I wish I could have handed over the extra pounds I had gained as a job lot with my manuscript: I regret they are still sitting there as a permanent reminder. Maybe I should start writing a slimming book now.

Although I found chocolate mousse torte as an American recipe, I think it is probably German in origin. I found similar cake recipes in my researches, but they were not as successful as this one, which is rather unusual in that you first bake about three-quarters of the mixture, which rises, rather like a soufflé, and then sinks as it cools. You then fill the hole in the middle with the remainder of the uncooked mixture to make a filling.

American chocolate mousse torte

Serves six to eight
15g (½oz) butter
2 tablespoons dry breadcrumbs (raspings)
225g (8oz) plain chocolate
1 tablespoon instant coffee granules
4 tablespoons water
8 eggs, separated
170g (6oz) caster sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla essence
To decorate:
150ml (¼ pint) whipping cream
Chocolate curls or grated chocolate

Lightly butter a 23cm/9in deep flan dish or tin (about 1.2 litre/2 pint capacity) and coat with dry bread crumbs. Put the chocolate, coffee and water into a basin. Stand over a pan of hot water and leave until the chocolate has melted and the coffee dissolved. Remove from the heat. Whisk the egg yolks and sugar in a large bowl until they are thick and creamy, then gradually beat in the chocolate and then the vanilla essence. Whisk the egg whites until they are stiff, then fold into the chocolate mixture.

Fill the dish with about three quarters of the mixture, cover the remainder and chill in the refrigerator. Bake the contents of the flan dish in a preheated moderate oven (180°C/350° gas mark 4) for 25 minutes. Turn off the oven and bake for a further 5 minutes, then remove from the oven and leave to cool for two hours. Fill the cavity in the centre with the remaining mixture and chill for 30 minutes. Whip the cream and spread over the top, then sprinkle the top with chocolate curls or grated chocolate.

Rum cake is a moist chocolate cake. It is not iced, but should be served with lashings of whipped cream or crème chantilly. It is best kept for at least 24 hours before serving so that it becomes very soft and moist, but once cut it should be eaten as soon as possible.

Rum cake

Makes one 20cm (8in) cake
110g (4oz) self-raising flour
½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
45g (1½oz) cocoa
6 tablespoons cold water
3 tablespoons dark rum
110g (4oz) butter
225g (8oz) caster sugar
2 eggs
55g (2oz) ground almonds

Well grease and line a 19-20cm/7½-8in round cake tin. Sift together the flour and bicarbonate of soda. Sift the cocoa into a basin and stir in the water and rum. Cream the butter and sugar together until light; the high proportion of sugar to butter means that it will not become as light as if there were equal proportions. Gradually beat in the eggs, a little at a time. Carefully fold in the almonds, then the flour and cocoa mixture alternately. Turn into the prepared tin and bake in a preheated moderate oven (160°C/325°F gas mark 3) for about one hour or until the centre of the cake springs back when lightly pressed. Cool in the tin for five minutes, turn out and cool on a wire rack. Wrap in greaseproof paper and foil or place in a tin until required.

THE ARTS

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Bridget Reilly's long interest in the dynamics of form and colour has at last, perhaps inevitably, turned her to designing for dance: Ballet Rambert première Robert North's *Colour Moves* at the King's Theatre tomorrow. Interview by Roger Berthoud

Shining visions of an abstract future



Bridget Reilly with her wall decorations for the Royal Liverpool Hospital and (right) working with assistants on the designs for *Colour Moves*

Given Bridget Reilly's deep interest as an abstract painter in the dynamic properties of form and colour, it was an inspired idea of the Ballet Rambert's artistic director, Robert North, to commission her to design a new ballet, her first. Judging by a model at her home in Holland Park, her work is likely to make a strong impact when *Colour Moves* has its debut at the Edinburgh Festival tomorrow. North has done the choreography, the music is by Christopher Benstead and the costumes by Andrew Storer.

A slim woman of 51 with short, dark hair and very blue eyes, she explains how she set about the task. "Robert North invited me to 'go first', as it were: that is, to design the sets first. The music and choreography would then be set to the visual situation I had made. That was a tremendously exciting challenge.

"Robert liked the studies I had pinned up around the studio, he liked the way one colour reacted upon another, and thought that we could make an abstract colour ballet on the basis of these relationships. Initially I took five colours and designed five backcloths, each dominated by one colour. The sequence of the cloths had to be thought about: red and yellow form natural high points, for instance, while blues and greens are quieter.

"The next difficulty was how to link the colours so they formed a continuous whole. We decided to use the colours of the costumes to make the transitions, so the dancers carry the development of the ballet from one colour-space, set or act to the next."

As she worked on the cloths, she noticed that a blue dancer against a blue cloth gives a mysterious, ethereal, almost disembodied feeling, while the same blue dancer leaps to life against a vivid yellow cloth. So, by reacting upon each other, the dancers and backcloths generate distinct moods and give the ballet a theme of metamorphosis. All the colours come together in stripes in a joyous finale.

Those vertical stripes of colour form the subject-matter of her latest paintings. Why stripes rather than the more complex designs on which her international reputation was built? "They have the maximum exposure of edge", she says, "and it's along the edges that the interactions take place.

"When two colours interact, they produce a third, disembodied colour which takes the form of coloured light and seems to come off the canvas. Viewing distance is crucial, and so is the light in which it is seen: daylight is by far the best." She was not, she points out, aiming for any interaction of that sort in the recently unveiled wall decoration for some corridors of the Royal Liverpool Hospital, but rather for an effect of brilliance and well-being.

It is tempting to see a link between Bridget Reilly's originality and her having been spared much formal education. She lived with her mother, sister and an aunt before and during the war in a north Cornwall cottage with no mod cons. Her father, a businessman, served in the Far East and was missing for 18 months; his wages were paid at first, but had to paid back when he was presumed killed. Then he turned up in a Japanese camp on the infamous Burma-Siam railway line – and the wages were returned. He is still very much alive, aged 83.

It was a wonderfully exciting and makeshift life for a child, she recalls. Her aunt, who had been to art school, and her mother encouraged her to paint and draw. Education at the hands of local ladies was meagre but often fun, and a boarding convent school came as a nasty shock. When she was admitted, aged 15, to Cheltenham Ladies' College, mainly on a wave of sympathy for returning PoWs, she was found to be four years behind her peers in schooling.

But she was allowed to concentrate on art, and progressed rapidly with the guidance of the art master, Colin Hayes, now at the Royal College of Art and a Royal Academician; and did very well thereafter at the Goldsmiths School of Art thanks to a fine drawing teacher, Sam Rabin, if less well subsequently in the freer atmosphere of the Royal College of Art. Only when she later met the painter Maurice de Sausmarez were her eyes properly opened, via the work of Seurat, to a surer handling of colour, hitherto her main weakness.

"I had ten years in the wilderness, lost confidence, fell into despair, all those things." She taught teenagers in a convent school, she taught at night schools and at Wandsworth Prison. "Working with children I discovered that, the greater the limitations, the more inventive the results. I would say: use reds only, and cover the area so that the reds touch each other. You would be amazed at the variety of the results." Then came two stretches as a sort of roving draughtsman with the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency, which were good for her confidence: she learnt that one had to work through problems, and that she could work to order.

Only around 1960 did she find her way towards her distinctive style. "I started to paint movement in sequences, the principle of which was a regular structure disturbed, and I saw these explosive visual energies emerging on the paper. That gave me the clue, and on that principle I worked for a long time." She might take a regular pattern of black circles on a white background, then gradually change them into ovals and their colour to a whitish grey. "One of the assumptions is that I have studied optics and am a fiendish mathematician. It's quite wrong. It's all done empirically."

There is still much trial and error as she and her two assistants work at huge tables in the three studios in her house on preliminary studies for the final paintings, seeking to produce those interactions and to disengage the possibilities of colour. Of one thing she is convinced: "Abstract painting is in its infancy, and what I am doing is simply beginning to draw on the inherent possibilities of colour. What Sienese painting was to the art of the High Renaissance, current abstract painting is to future developments. There will be great abstract colour painting in the future."

Television

Sonorous phrases with all too little meaning

Alan Greenberg originally intended *Land of Look Behind* to be a documentary about the funeral of Bob Marley, the reggae singer and song-writer who died of cancer in Miami aged 36 in 1981. In a short, tempestuous life, Marley became known as a Third World superstar, sold his records all around the world and became a legend in his native Jamaica.

To mark his passing, 100,000 people gathered there in the national arena to celebrate him in song and verse. Something may have happened to Mr Greenberg at this vivid function, for the documentary got away from him and what we saw last night on Channel 4 was described as a documentary fantasy which seemed, and proved to be, a contradiction in terms.

Much of the film, which was excellently shot, was in semi-Creole and, though subtitles were provided, they were not generous enough to satisfy the curious about the Rastafarian belief, which Marley embraced, or even the reggae music he did so much to establish.

We began with a man chopping wild pineapple and plucking forth the toads that dwell therein. It seemed we might be in for an interesting nature lecture but he moved on to speak of the fearful forest of Look Behind which lurked near the village of Quick Step in which he lived and to plead for industry and aid for his people, which seemed very necessary.

This sally into development themes, however, was as short-lived as the nature lecture, and soon we were into a bewildering world of dreadlocks, reggae music and much smoking of ganja, an intoxicating preparation made, I understand, from the female flowering tops of Indian hemp.

Marley himself was a prodigious smoker of marijuana, and a young man recorded his fear of smoking a hundred joints a day with some envy. Various singers and poets did their bits, giving us some sonorous phrases which reached for profundity but had not a lot of meaning. In short, Mr Greenberg's film, which has apparently won an award, was one of those which shroud a multitude of images under the umbrella "impressionistic".

What it did not do was to explain the life of the Jamaican hinterland, its problems or its motivations. Reggae enthusiasts, among whom I am not numbered, may have been sent by it all but for the rest of us *Land of Look Behind* was surely as baffling at the end as at the beginning.

Dennis Hackett

Theatre in the United States

Clash of 'reality' and dramatic structure

Chaplin
Music Center, Los Angeles

After one has reconciled oneself to the fact that Anthony Newley is as dissimilar to Charles Chaplin as John Barrymore was to Fatty Arbuckle, there are certain pleasures to be derived from *Chaplin*, a large-scale musical currently at the Music Center in Los Angeles before going for broke on Broadway. Chief among these are the set-designs by Douglas W. Schmidt, whose Victorian evocations on an adjustable raked stage achieve effects which are almost as subtle as they are spectacular. Most of the show's flashbacks take place in theatre-boxes on either side of a sumptuous nineteenth-century music-hall proscenium and, brilliantly abetted by Willa Kim's costumes and Ken Billington's lighting (a magical combination of projections and back-lighting behind trnsparent gauzes), *Chaplin* justifes that old saw about leaving the theatre whistling the scenery. It is the most fetching part of an uneven evening.

Newley and his collaborator Stanley Ralph Ross have, within the confines of the musical comedy format, attempted nothing less than a full-scale biography. The whole Chapinesque saga is here – the Dickensian poverty, the demented mother, the music-hall turns, the American tour of the Fred Karno troupe, the early collaboration with Stan Laurel (an uncannily accurate impersonation by Jim MacGeorge), the whirlwind silent screen success, the coming of talkies, the pre-marital and post-marital scandals, the political wrangles and charges of communist sympathy which eventually led to Swiss exile and an emotional let's-kiss-and-make-up reconciliation at the 1972 Academy Award ceremonies.

It is the kind of remorseless historical sequence which, in the context of a well-written book, whizzes the reader from the turn of the century to the modern day with all the velocity of the biographer's art. In a musical, however, one needs a much more selective, not to say fanciful, treatment of actuality as, for instance, in the case of *Gypsy*, where Gypsy Rose Lee's rise to stellar toplessness is obliquely chronicled from the viewpoint of a pushy and frustrated showbiz mum. Here, the biographical facts are largely undigested and one is unaware of any interpretation being placed on events – other than that Chaplin was a genius and Newley is out to commemorate the fact.

The moments in which the Chaplin persona are actually evoked are few and far between, the most successful being a revival of the music-hall act in which Mack Sennett is supposed to have first spotted the comedian. This is a rough-and-tumble opera-burlesque ("Madame Butterfingers" after Puccini) in which Newley effectively comports himself in the guise of the accident-prone drunk in whom one can already discern the tramp-figure of the early two-reelers. The other highpoints of the evening, a tuneful reproduction of the Lancashire Lads act, one of Chaplin's first stage appearances, and a kind of Pearly King-and-Queen tap-dance, are lively period reconstructions. Whenever the show feeds off the music-hall tradition, it comes astonishingly to life. As soon as it enters the realm of personal reflection and musical commentary on internal states, it dwindles into listless songs and stock conventions.

Chaplin's greatest invention was probably the twentieth-century idea of celebrity. Before him, no one was an internationally-recognized superstar. He set the pattern for all the other Hollywood Greats – even to commingling personal scandal with creative achievement. What sustains *Chaplin* the musical is the fascination of its central subject and the fidelity with which history is told. What saps its energies is the aforementioned lustreless score, an uncertainty as to what kind of musical idiom is best suited to make its points and a fatal permissiveness towards letting "real life" dictate the curve of the dramatic structure.

The musical form thrives on diversions and digressions rather than stolid chronological progression. Show-stoppers are almost always arbitrary items that simply glory in song and dance no matter what their pertinence to the main design – as, for instance, in Gilbert and Sullivan. That happens once or twice during the show, but never sufficiently strongly to break the dogged continuity.

Newley is almost as interesting a phenomenon as Chaplin. A child star in England who quickly made a success as a singer, writer and movie-maker, he falls into that now-familiar category of artist whose versatility is unquestionable but who is never quite the sum total of his parts. Musically, using a heavily pulsating vibrato, he always struck me as parodying the act of singing. As an actor, he had a certain rough cockney charm which effectively combined guile and opportunism. As a writer and purveyor of musical entertainments, he was always mired in sentimentality and, no doubt, his fascination for Chaplin arises because he identifies so strongly with the comedian's most noxious trait – a compulsive tendency to play for pathos.

To be fair to him, Newley's energy and creativity are precisely the stuff out of which commercial success is made and, as a kind of modern incarnation of Dion Boucicault, he has both viability and a certain popular appeal. Unfortunately, in tackling a subject of such proportions, he invites inevitable comparisons – and, no matter what faults we may find with Chaplin's cinematic persona, he was a consummate artist and one of the most dominant influences of his time. For a superannuated pop-singer with no apparent gift for visual comedy to try to essay Chaplin's comic genius is bitting off not only more than he can chew but even more than he can comfortably wedge into his mouth.

Despite the recesses in its foundation, almost all of the show's topography, in a beautifully coordinated production by Michael Smuin, is visually beguiling and, although brilliant sets, costumes and lighting cannot make a show, they go a long way towards making this one consistently watchable in a marginal kind of way. But, as for recreating the artistry of Chaplin and the complexity of the man, it is a little like trying to focus on a subject using a kaleidoscope rather than a telescope.

Charles Marowitz



Newley's Chaplin with the uncannily accurate Stan Laurel of Jim MacGeorge

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Theatre in Edinburgh

Women in Power
Music Hall

John McGrath's "decent adaptation" of Aristophanes is the debut for General Gathering, a new Scottish branch of the 7:84 company, devoted to producing classics of popular theatre. *Women in Parliament*, first staged about 393 BC, has long been ripe for rediscovery by radical theatre, with its central idea, as wittily subversive as that in the better-known *Lysistrata*, of women disguised in their husbands' clothes packing the Athenian Assembly to vote themselves into power for a state where all goods will be held in common and men must provide sex on demand.

In this version, however, it gets wrenched aside in mid-course for a vigorous farcical attack on the one woman who is in power, currently, in Downing Street. Aristophanes's earlier play, *The Knights*, with its onslaught on the demagogue Cleon, provides the model and Mr McGrath has the defeated males stage this episode as anti-feminist propaganda – nonsensically, since Praxagora and her followers are too good socialists to provide any such threat.

Up to that point the show has been truly dire, slow and, despite everyone's laboured efforts, unfunny. Those of us who stayed after the interval got some above-average Thatcher-beating with a genuinely Aristophanic flavour, puns on the name of Grantham and a missile-shaped phallus (topped with a union jack) on the lady herself that made its own points about her femininity. Underneath all that, however, a predictable mixture of slushy utopianism with rallying cries to revolution is still there and it is the show's dominant impression. Thanos Mikroutsikos's score often drops cliché Greekness in favour of routine rock-musical numbers (punctuated by the deafening percussion crashes that regularly had Aristophanes's heroes rushing for the chamber pot, or a couple of rousing militant ensembles).

Praxagora herself (Carol Kidd) croons her opening solo interminably into a mike, then yields her central role to the curiously-named Kleonike: in her handlebar moustache Elizabeth MacLennan makes a Pancho Villa of Athenian feminism, behind whose cardboard persona the sensitivity and honesty of her performance as the skivvy wife in *Men Should Weep* keep breaking through.

After an hour or so as a boring husband revealingly grumbling that women have no tradition of responsibility, Kenneth Bryans earns his bit of fun as a neat transformation of Aristophanes's sausage vendor into a Social Democrat with Roy Jenkins's Rs, peddling a stall-full of adulterated tripe that includes Keir Hardie's guts. And, as a ladies' man who suddenly finds himself washing nappies, Jimmy Chisholm presses his feminine wiles into service as "our extremely powerful and spritely Prime Minister" in the sort of portrait mask whose effectiveness has not diminished over 25 centuries.

Anthony Masters

Music outside London

Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra
Christ Church, Oxford

When the English Bach Festival slipped away from Oxford a few years ago to seek pastures new in Europe, it left a gap in the professional musical life of the city (as distinct from its always flourishing amateur activities). "Music at Oxford", a series of 21 concerts which ended at the weekend, is hardly a parallel undertaking, for it uses only one venue, Christ Church Cathedral, and has in its first season been confined to the summer, out-of-term months.

But its programmes, unsubsidized by grants, have been splendid, and, to judge from the packed cathedral on Sunday, it certainly fills a need. It was oddly appropriate that this final concert should have presented the new Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra under Ton Koopman, at the end of a British tour which has not included London, for it was back in 1975 that Koopman's earlier group, Musica Antiqua Amsterdam, appeared in the Bach Festival at Oxford with Philippe Herreweghe's Collegium Vocale of Ghent in a pair of unforgettable concerts.

Koopman's new ensemble is not just Dutch: like its rival, Frans Brüggen's Orchestra of the Eighteenth Century (which visits Edinburgh next week), its membership is international, and the string section, led by Monica Huggett, is almost entirely English. Thus the famed skills of continental wind players are matched with the facility – which continental colleagues envy us – of our string players. The results in the Fourth Brandenburg were scintillating: Koopman pushed the music along with his whipped first-beat accents, but Huggett swept the phrases of the virtuosic first violin part – so often fired as if from a machine-gun – into convincing gestures, with pauses, rubati, light and shade. Meanwhile the two recorder players chirped lightly and brightly and the string ripieni lifted their bows so as to give the finale's fugal theme, for example, a sense of graceful dance which was anything but relentless.

This combination of heady rhythmic impetus and deftness of attack also distinguished Bach's First Suite: I remember the impact of Ku Ebbinge's baroque oboe playing back in 1975, and time has only matured its richness of tone and poise of phrasing. A pity he did not play Telemann's Oboe d'Amore Concerto as originally advertised: Michel Henri's account was cloudy. Koopman's own solo concerto, Bach's A major for harpsichord, was practically inaudible from where I sat: the concert was given in the cathedral crossing, surrounded by audience on four sides. It was left to a couple of spirited numbers from Telemann's *Tafelmusik* to display the real exhilaration of well-tuned, cohesive playing on period instruments.

Nicholas Kenyon

Promenade Concerts

Each for himself

Bream Consort
St Luke's, Chelsea/ Radio 3

This was a period piece, in more ways than one.

James Savage's splendid church of St Luke, Chelsea, where John Goss and John Ireland were organists, is a welcome addition to Prom venues: it accomodates 900 people, though with evidently poor sightlines from the galleries, and has a fine nave 60 feet high (when it was built, in the 1920s, it was the first high stone-vaulted church to be attempted since the Reformation). The ample resonance of the church, however, would make it more suitable for a Prom of choral music – Tallis and Schütz in 1985? – than it was for the busy detail of the consort music performed by Juilin Bream and friends.

No one has done more to alert us to the splendours of Elizabethan music than Bream, and years ago he gave pioneering performances of the consort pieces from Thomas Morley's famous collection of Lessons. More recently he decided to re-form his own Consort, and it has made several tours. But the principle on which it operates is still that of a couple of decades ago: brilliant, animated performances by Bream himself in the centre of the ensemble, scampering away like some seventeenth-century Giuliani with the written-out divisions of Morley's arrangements, surrounded by sober, straight-faced accompaniments from the rest of the group.

Bream does encourage his collaborators to blossom – there were some nicely-turned exchanges with the treble viol of Catherine Mackintosh in "Grimstock", and the whole ensemble acquired a crisp rhythmic life in the "Monsieur's Almain" (a setting attributed to Byrd). But on the whole there is no improvisatory spirit perceptible here; phrasing is dull, articulation routine, and it is Bream's show.

So it was solo virtuosity that made the strongest impression: Bream's own multicoloured "Allison's Knell", James Tyler's knees-up in Holborne's setting of "As I went to Walsingham" and at the end – not a moment too soon – the divertingly mellifluous rendering of three Morley songs (with a fourth added for an encore) by Robert Tear. There was little here which acknowledged the strides forward made in the three decades since Bream's early work; but, more worrying, there was little that gave an impression of sparkling, animated musical interplay – I heard far more of that in *Jazz in Britain* in the car on my way home.

Nicholas Kenyon

RPO/Groves
Albert Hall/Radio 3

No orchestra can be envied the task of playing a note of Sibelius so soon after the CBSO's provocative and regenerating South Bank cycle under Simon Rattle. But advance programming is merciless, and the Royal Philharmonic with Sir Charles Groves were put to the test in Sibelius's Fourth Symphony at Monday night's Prom.

It was a reading which seemed to be being heard from somewhere behind Sibelius's shoulder, rather than by ears already quickened by the harmonic and structural disruption of the century it was reaching out to. With its gently shaped contours, its sense of almost affectionate resignation rather than bleakness, it became more a corporate valediction than an isolated quest.

At least, it would be nice to think that was the idea, rather than that, through lack of the score's being anything like deep enough under the skin, the players were simply prevented from reaching its stark, uncompromising heart. For too often even its own vision seemed curiously ill-defined: legato was too often flaccid where it should be tense, climaxes were laboriously rather than inexorably approached, entries and ensemble were blurred.

Earlier in the evening, Alfred Brendel had been the soloist in the equally enigmatic, constantly perplexing Fourth Piano Concerto of Beethoven. For Brendel on Monday it seemed a fountain of ideas and impulses. The more rarely played second cadenza, less brooding in its insistence, more brittle and harmonically abrasive, was used in the first movement; and it seemed to emphasize the mercurial, almost teasing character of the reading as a whole. Even the slow movement, glassy, still and wide-eyed, could have been a *trompe-l'oeil* – and too often one could have wished that the orchestra, with its reluctant and lack-lustre repartee, had been just that.

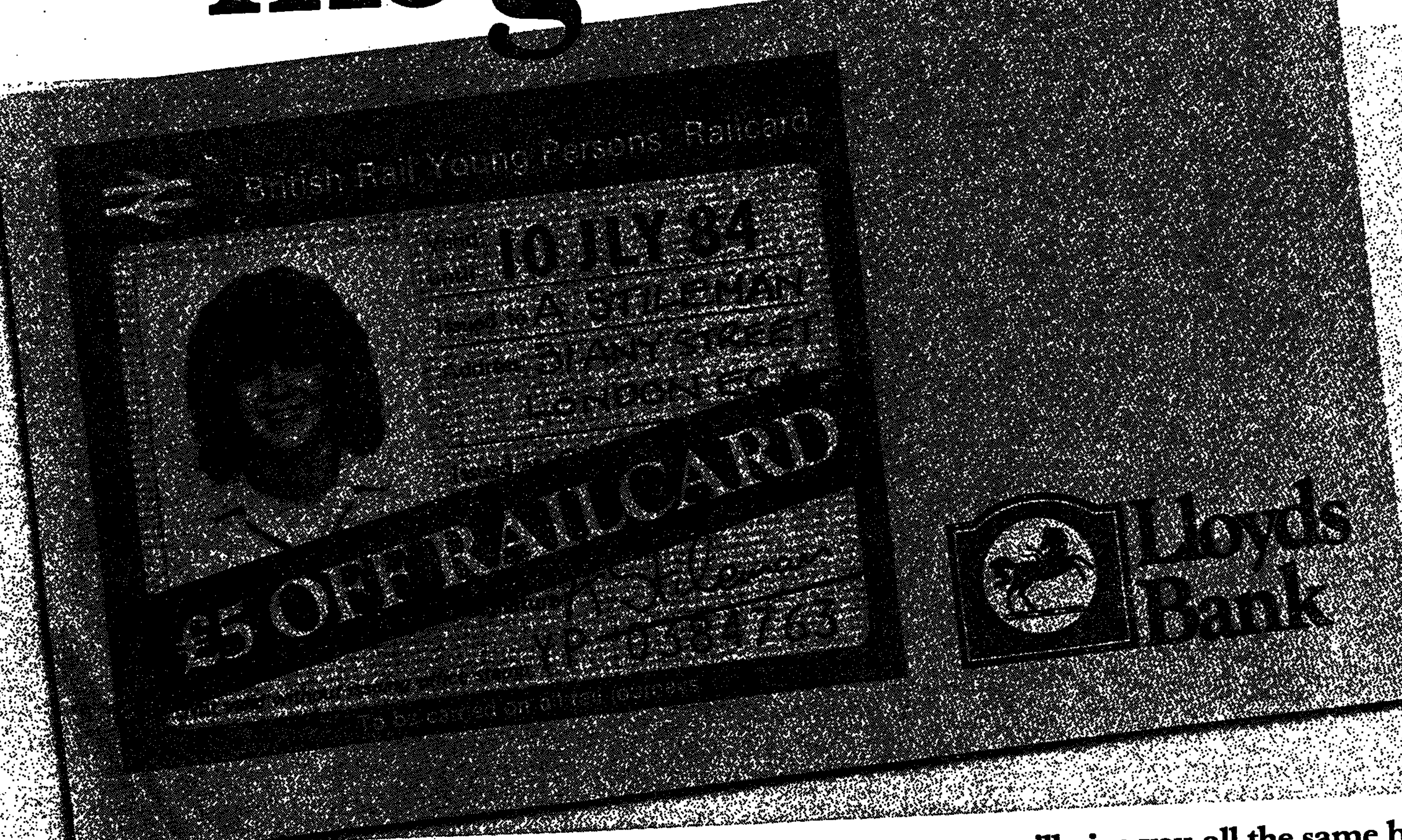
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THE TIMES DIARY

Red scare

Tony Banks, Labour MP for Newham North West and chairman of the GLC arts committee, has written to ask Cecil Parkinson, as chairman of the Conservative Party, to protect Ken Livingstone from physical violence. What excites Banks's concern is a remark attributed to Sir William Gibson Clark, the Tories' finance chairman, that if Livingstone succeeds in getting a stand at this year's Conservative Party conference "it would need police protection from some right-wing Tories". This, Banks claims, is an incitement to violence. "Imagine the headlines had a Labour Party representative made such a statement about Labour conference delegates", he says, reasonably enough. Livingstone is determined to organize a GLC stand while the Conservatives are in Blackpool, if not in the conference hall then in an adjacent hotel, whether or not Parkinson sends a reassuring reply.

Stay cool

Sir Roy Strong must be glad the heat is off. At the very time that his attack on London theatres was launched in these pages – "human bodies cooped up together in an unairconditioned space" – visitors to his own new Henry Cole wing at the V & A were repeatedly getting stuck in the un-airconditioned lift, an hour at a time in barely endurable temperatures, the only firm that could rescue them having to be called from Clapham. The pot may get away with calling the kettle black, but should avoid calling it hot.

● *Sir Philip Goodhart's letter to The Times yesterday asked the most appropriate precious metal, mineral or gem to give his wife for their forthcoming 33⅓rd wedding anniversary. Anxious to help, I looked up atomic number 33 in the periodic table of elements. It is arsenic.*

New view

Somali television burst upon an avid world at the weekend with its first test transmissions. The fledgling service is a multinational effort, with Kuwaitis building the transmission station, Italians setting up the national network and Egyptians training personnel. Iraqis were to be involved, but in the event were too busy killing Iranians.

BARRY FANTONI



"Perhaps he should apply for Peter Parker's job"

Good in part

The most singular show in the Edinburgh Fringe is a one-man performance by the Icelandic actor Vidar Egg. Egg insists that he only plays before an audience of one. He "seeks to explore the actor-audience relationship" and can give his full attention to only one auditor at a time. All his performances have been sell-outs and the price of tickets, yesterday £9, increases by £1 a day. My PHSpy has not seen the show, because no review tickets are available. I do not think this has anything to do with the fact that on Circuit '83, a fairground beneath the Usher Hall, one of Egg's neighbours is a company called Omelette.

● *Dick Turpin has just been appointed assistant manager of the National Westminster Bank's Lothbury branch. His extra-curricular activities, according to a notice sent to customers, stop at cricket, squash, golf, fishing and motor maintenance.*

Gullstones

Happily for the PHSausage joke contest, only fragments remain of *The Sausage*, a comedy written by the Greek dramatist Epicharmus about 500 BC. Otherwise age would not have deterred readers from sending me the whole text. I have doubts about the freshness of most of the offerings as it is. A. A. Smailes, for example, admits that his "breadcrumbs in battle-dress" dates back to *ITMA*, 1942. I award a sausage clock prize to Ian Wilkes for his, which is bad enough to be original. A German butcher's motto was to leave no tern unstoned, because he specialized in seabird sausages. Every morning he went to the beach to throw stones at the birds, and whenever he hit one would shout: "There's another tern for the Würst!"



An Oxfordshire underwear manufacturer claims that Britain is going bust in a big way. Inflation, Andrew Bryant alleges, has borne the British average bra size up from 34b to 36b, though West German women still "have the biggest bosoms in Europe with an average bust size of 38 inches". Hoping to flesh this out with a handful of statistics, I rang Marks & Spencer and got that sagging feeling. The most popular size, a prim young lady insisted, is 34b and reports to the contrary are greatly exaggerated.

PHS

Who will succeed the King?

Jerusalem

When Menachem Begin confessed that he had heard nothing about the Beirut massacre last September until tuning in to the BBC 48 hours after it began, it should have been clear that *something* was *seriously* at fault either with his will or ability to govern.

But in the ensuing months, despite his growing mood of introverted despondency following the tragic death of his wife, the message somehow failed to sink into Israel's national psyche. As a result, this week's undignified and agonizing drawn-out resignation has come as a profound political shock.

As the first news began to travel from table to table in the cafes of Jerusalem's main shopping mall, the customers looked stunned with disbelief. "We must tell him not to go. He is our father. We cannot live without him," shouted one man.

Later, hundreds of distraught people gathered outside his official residence chanting "Begin, King of Israel". Although accepting that their efforts would be in vain, they seemed unable to think how else to react.

The main cause of the intensity of the personal reaction – just as strong among those delighted by the departure of Israel's most hawkish prime minister – is the effortless fashion in which Mr Begin has totally dominated the political stage since coming to power in 1977.

Even during his recent decline, he has stood head and shoulders not only above those in his party, but also above any politician whom the main Labour opposition has been able to put up – especially its leader, the distinctly uncharismatic Shimon Peres, shown in the latest opinion poll to be supported as Labour's candidate for prime minister by a derisive 6 per cent of the population.







Shamir: best chance of broad backing

Sharon: his support could be vital

Levy: opposition to his welfare largesse

It is precisely because of Mr Begin's domination of the ruling Likud coalition and his reluctance to designate an heir apparent to lead his own right-wing Herut party that his sudden departure will pose such problems for the government.

As the *Jerusalem Post* put it bluntly, "It will be the test of whether the Likud does have a life after Menachem Begin, or whether it is simply a function of his political will".

According to a poll earlier this month, Mr Begin was preferred as Likud prime minister by 42.1 per cent of the public compared with only 8.7 per cent for the runner-up, the former Defence Minister, Ezer Weizman, who has been in self-imposed political exile at his villa in Caesarea since leaving the Cabinet in 1980. Behind him was Moshe Arens, the new Defence Minister and articulate former ambassador to Washington, with 4.8 per cent, and then David Levy, the able, Sephardic Deputy Prime Minister, who scored 3.1 per cent.

Yitzhak Shamir, now tipped as Mr Begin's likely successor, was even lower down. At the age of 67, Mr Shamir was being described by his backers as the stop-gap candidate most able to secure broad support in party forums. A former member of the Mossad secret service and a founder of the Stern Gang, the most ruthless pre-state Jewish terrorist group, he was once detained by the British. Since replacing Moshe Dayan as Foreign Minister he has performed solidly but without noticeable impact.

Mr Shamir has none of Mr Begin's flair for communication and little of his popular following. But he could attract the widest support just because he is not seen as a long-term leader.

The timing of Mr Begin's departure has ruled out both Mr Arens (regarded as President Reagan's preferred candidate) and Mr Weizman as immediate hopefuls because neither is a member of the Knesset.

The present dire state of the economy appears to have destroyed the leadership chances of Yoram Aridor, the once influential Finance Minister, while the only other possible contender, Ariel Sharon, is still recovering from the near lethal political blow dealt by the inquiry commission into the Beirut massacre. This has left him relegated to the sidelines as Minister without Portfolio, but his street following could make him an important kingmaker.

This would leave Mr Shamir and Mr Levy – at the age of 45, the darling of the underprivileged Sephardi community and the father of 11 children – to fight it out. Although Mr Levy has far greater grassroots support, it was argued yesterday that he could face vigorous opposition from the Liberal Party, the second largest group in the Likud because of his support for free-*spending* social and welfare policies. Apart from sharing a similar hawkish approach to future Israeli control of the occupied West Bank, Mr Shamir and Mr Levy both held early jobs as building labourers and both are reported to have gone to the same language tutor to brush up their English.

The succession battle is expected to be tough and quite unlike the *almost gentlemanly* struggle *behind* closed doors while Mr Begin was still in power. On the troubled economic front, where inflation is now running at 130 per cent, Mr Begin's eventual successor will face a supreme test of his political skills, as he will in resolving the future of the costly involvement in Lebanon.

Although the future is uncertain, on the key question of Israeli's dominance over the 2,200 square miles of the occupied West Bank, it appeared that Mr Begin was close to securing the grandiose wish which he declared two years ago when asked how he would like to be *remembered* by *history*. "As the man who set the borders of Eretz Israel (the Biblical land of Israel) for all eternity," he replied.

Christopher Walker

If the sun has to set, don't stand in the way

Our Island Story – a History of Britain for Boys and Girls and *Our Empire Story* are nice, big fat books, well written, in good print and full of humane patriotism. Though first published at the turn of the century, they are still used to introduce children to *history*, certainly *in* my family.

The author, H. E. Marshall, refers to Britain in a preface as "the little island in the West". Such ironic understatement relies on centuries of success and security for its effect. The last thing we have ever been is a little island. True, today some would like to cut us down to size, and edge us eastwards (into the Baltic?), sans Europe, sans defence, sans Nato, sans pretty well everything. The electorate has given its verdict on the isolationist option. But insular thinking takes many forms and is not confined to the left.

The last edition of *Our Island Story* finishes after the Second World War, before decolonization. Mercifully, the penitential breast-beating is at last subsiding.

But it is too soon for serenity, both historically and because we still have three major problems – three islands, as it happens – to deal with: the Falklands; Hongkong; and (stretching the point to a peninsula), Gibraltar.

Having disposed of continents, it would be a pity to stumble over these smaller entities and to finish the course bruised, dusty and disheartened. It is vital to take a non-insular view of the last islands of empire. And that means applying abroad the same burning sense of priorities as we are, at last, at home.

Not for the first time, wet/dry manichaeism distorts the debate. If it is dry (and in my view right) to insist with relentless realism on rectifying our economic shortcomings, can it be wet to suggest that we should keep a stern eye on what really matters overseas? The Atlantic Alliance, the construction of Europe, the Commonwealth, and the urgent exigencies of East/West diplomacy, are neither new nor exclusive concerns. But like Victorian values, they have a perennial force of compulsion and attraction. By comparison, the Falklands, Hongkong and even Gibraltar seem a little peripheral in relation to priorities and resources (especially if Spain *enters* the Nato military structure). To concentrate on them to the exclusion of the broader picture is to risk analogy with the peevish provincialism which is the hallmark of the left.

Clearly, we shall never get far on the big issues if we lack principle or purpose on the small. But symbols *must not outgrow substance. Islands* are very symbolic, but are often appended to large countries or continents. "Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main" is the less quoted corollary of "No man is an island".

Hongkong symbolizes much that is best in the British colonial record (once we draw a veil over how we came by it). Theoretically, part of it is ours in perpetuity, though again the substance intrudes, China being a fairly substantial sort of place. We have clear responsibilities towards Hongkong. I lived there for two years and admire the people as much as anyone. But *it* would be dangerously Quixotic to inflate our obligations beyond our ultimate ability to guarantee in practice the welfare of its inhabitants.

Given realism and a sense of proportion, there is no reason why we should not reach a settlement combining British interests, rights and duties with Chinese intentions.

Hongkong will eat deeply into our diplomatic reserves. The Falklands will swallow another big slice, not to mention the troops and the cash. What more can usefully be said at this stage? It is always worth recalling that it was Mrs Thatcher *herself* who had the courage to put lease-back to the House of Commons in 1980. It was right to do so; it was right to fight; and it is right to sit tight now – which does not preclude some sober reflection on the long-term costs and on possible solutions. Meanwhile, beyond the Falklands, looms a whole continent with all its agonies and opportunities.

Gibraltar, too, is appended to a country of consequence. There is no need to rehearse our obligations to the people of the colony. What does need emphasis are our future relations with Madrid during this sensitive phase of its absorption into the western democratic camp. One way to avoid a choice between our responsibilities towards Gibraltar and a confrontation with renascent Spain is not to fix our sights *unrealistically high in* matters concerning the Rock.



The style of governments is *indivisible. Our revolution of* common sense at home must be applied overseas. The parallels are remorseless. Abroad, sound money means a sound Europe, a sound Alliance and stable East-West relations.

To sustain friendships and to wear down animosities overseas, you need persistence and a sense of priorities – just as you do to build up business confidence or erode inflation. And internationally, as at home, sacrifices and distasteful compromises are sometimes unavoidable in pursuit of the greater good.

Our three "island" problems are perplexing and expensive, but soluble – unless we approach them *in a spirit of insularity. If we do*, we could be sucked into a centrifugal preoccupation with the periphery, with a proportionate decline in our image and influence in the wider world. Atalanta, fleet of foot, was waylaid *by* just three apples ... So we face something of a challenge. But we have the leadership and the professionalism to ensure that this chapter of *Our Island Story* finishes with neither a bang nor whimper, but with a diplomatic grace note.

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Front-line Europe, not just Brixton

Ten young Turks robbing old people in Berlin called it "doing a granny". Most of them played truant and needed money for Coca-Cola, hamburgers, döner kebab and pinball machines.

In Lyon, France, there was an outburst of crime among young immigrants who took part in "rodeos" in stolen cars.

In Sweden, foreigners who make up 5 per cent of the population represent more than 16 per cent of people suspected by the police of committing a crime.

Associating *crime with immigrants* or their children is common not only to Brixton but to much of Western Europe. And the pressures on police dealing with ethnic minorities in run-down inner cities are remarkably similar everywhere.

That is why police chiefs, criminologists and government officials from Western European countries got together yesterday for the first time at a colloquium at Wolfson College, Cambridge, organized in cooperation with the Cranfield Institute of Technology in Bedfordshire. They are searching for new ideas with which to tackle the effects of the post-war immigration on which the prosperity of Western Europe has been built.

Superintendent Jos Molendijk, in charge of policing a vice area in Amsterdam, says: "It is our firm conviction that in the past five years in cities like Copenhagen, London, Paris and Amsterdam, some 40-odd disturbances have been prevented by local policemen's private initiatives."

In police eyes, the danger possibilities range upwards on a seismic scale from petty crime and violence to parts of European cities going up in flames.

From Amsterdam, gangs of South Americans migrate seasonally, following tourists to the sun. Young *male prostitutes* and robbers came north originally from the Mediterranean in search of work. They lost their jobs or never had any. Twenty-five per cent of all drug addicts in Amsterdam are of Surinamese origin.

Drugs are an easy source of income for some people of immigrant origin, who bring to Europe echoes of conflict back home. Joachim Jäger, of the Police Academy in Hilstrup, West Germany, says that at present charges are pending against 300 Kurds for drug smuggling and trafficking, some of the money being used to finance the Kurds' fight for independence.

Neo-Nazi groups stir up hatred and football hooligans, as in Britian, take out their aggression on ethnic minorities.

André Craen, chief of police in the Belgian city of Genk, speaks of the pressures on ethnic minorities living in an "alien" society and compares present tensions with those in Germany in the 1930s.

What should the police do? Sometimes turn a blind eye: during a football match between Ajax and FC Utrecht, young Utrecht fans displayed a banner with a racist text. The police came in for criticism when they did not interfere. But so did the racist youths. A group of Utrecht fans were so affected that *they made public apologies.*

The message from papers at the conference confirms that the causes of crime are social and economic and that ethnic minorities suffer from the bad effects of both. No single agency, including the police, working by itself, can eradicate it.

The effort in Britain to win community support is echoed in other European countries where police work with other agencies in tackling social ills and anticipating trouble. In Genk, social workers are employed to work with police. In France, an inter-agency campaign to help young people to find jobs, provide them with adventure courses and help them to learn a trade, is thought to have had an effect.

No-one should be surprised that police throughout Europe are worried about race problems; and many who have seen them at first hand will know that the methods they use are not necessarily the same as those they *talk about*. Nevertheless, whatever they do in the streets, the powerful impression left by the papers is that social causes of crime require social action.

Professor John Brown, of Cranfield, says: "The relationship is much more between crime and multiple disadvantage than the colour of the skin. We ought to be looking at race in the context of disadvantage rather than disadvantage in the context of race."

No one makes that point more clearly than Colin Guest, an assistant governor in the prison service doing research at Cranfield. He says in a paper: "Although the available official population statistics reveal that in London and the South East young Asian males outnumber young black males in the region of two to one, a survey of almost 5,000 young offenders in custody in London and the South East between 1981 and 1983 showed that within penal establishments, young Asians were outnumbered by young blacks *by a ratio of* 22 to one."

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Beware Japanese bearing jobs

In Japan, so legend has it, age prevails. We in the West are inclined to think that a business with an octogenarian chairman needs a boardroom revolution. In Japan, so we are told, the weight attached to a chairman's whims grows with the passing of his eightieth birthday.

So the news from Nissan comes as a considerable shock. Ever since the scheme for building Nissan cars in Britain was first mooted all those years ago, I have put my faith in its venerable chairman, Katsuji Kawamata, who by all accounts was dead opposed. So was I, and I have not changed my mind. But now we read that Mr Kawamata has changed his; it looks as though Nissan is on its way at last.

Why, then, look a gift-horse in the mouth? Five thousand jobs, probably in an unemployment blackspot, and tens of thousands in components factories and the like; access to Japanese technology, management skills and harmonious industrial relations: what could be wrong with that? Quite simply that it is not a gift-horse at all. We buy it, and it is going to be a poor bargain.

We do not know the exact price tag. But after allowing for automatic regional development grants, with a handsome dollop of "selective assistance" from the Department of Industry on top, we are unlikely to see much change out of £150m.

In return, as we were again assured in March, Nissan's "objective would be to produce at 80 per cent local content, after a build-up from 60 per cent." Well, we shall see. There have been some circumstantial sounding reports of Nissan's worries about the quality of UK components. Suppose they arrive, set up shop and in due course reveal that, alas!, they cannot find precisely what they need, and will have to continue importing components from Japan? Does the Department of Industry demand our money back and close the factory? As Eliza Doolittle remarked, "Not bloody likely".

Then there is the *matter* of where Nissan UK products will be sold. I suggested once that the French, and probably the Italians, would turn British-assembled Nissans back at the ports, only to be told that that would be against EEC rules. Here again, we shall see. But in the light of France's latest move against the BL/Honda Acclaim, it would be a brave man who put his faith in the Rome Treaty to hold the door open to Nissan. The French have long regarded us as Japan's Trojan horse in Europe, and Nissan is the sort of development they would not accept.

Last, but by no means least, there is the British domestic car industry. We have pumped more than £1,000m into BL and hundreds of millions more into Rootes/Chrysler/Talbot – where the Department of Industry is just now trying to stop Peugeot doing anything nasty at Ryton. On top of that we have handed over many tens of millions to persuade Ford to go – no doubt to its subsequent regret – to Halewood, and more recently to Bridgend.

Subsidizing rival concerns with taxpayers' money has always struck me as a mug's game. But at least BL is as British as they come, while Ford and Chrysler/Talbot have done a lot of real manufacturing here. Bribing Nissan to set up a competing plant sounds daft.

This is not an argument against overseas investment or in favour of protection. France's much publicized wheeze of channelling all Japanese videos through Poitiers is a classic case of cutting off the nose to spite the face. Since the French do not make videos, *the only* possible beneficiaries are the Germans and the Dutch, and the only possible sufferers the French consumers, who have to pay more.

If Nissan wished to set up shop here at its own expense, good luck to it. Paying Nissan to do so is a different matter altogether. When Patrick Jenkin told the Japanese a few months ago that if they refused to accept a container-load of sovereigns for a UK factory then we would not let them sell their cars to us at all, they must have wondered if they had heard aright.

Perhaps it may not happen. Perhaps the excellent Mr Kawamata will change his mind again. Perhaps the outburst by Mr Ichiro Shioji of the Nissan trade union will scare the board. If so we shall be deeply in their debt, although I don't suppose *it will be seen* that way. The new jobs are what it's all about: and it is part of the ethos of the Department of Industry – not to mention the Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland offices – that new jobs in place of those already in existence are a snip. After all, it is not their money they are bargaining with.

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Bosses who keep a little list

For many years Roy Medvedev, one of Russia's leading historians, has been unable to get a teaching job. He has joined the shadowy group of non-persons in the Soviet Union who cannot get employment in their *chosen field because they write and* say things deemed to be subversive.

His plight is little different from that of a growing number of non-persons in Britain blacklisted because of their political views. Perhaps the best known is Derek Robinson, a kindly and impressive working-class intellectual who for many years was the senior convenor at BL's Longbridge plant. The crime for which he was dismissed – without any written or verbal warning – was the joint authorship of a thoughtful pamphlet, *The Edwardes Plan and Your Job*, that advocated an expansionist strategy *for the company he worked for*. It contained, however, a brief passage which management held to be unacceptable. "In other *industries* like UCS (Upper Clyde Shipbuilders), work-ins and occupations have been necessary to prevent closures. If necessary, we shall have to do the same."

As a free-born Englishman, Robinson had every right to express a point of view different from that of management, including citing the example of what the Upper Clyde shipworkers had done to defend their jobs. Yet he has never worked again in the car industry. As a known communist militant, he never will.

But the way that non-persons are created in Britain is generally less conspicuous. In the past 10 years many companies have adopted increasingly formalized procedures for vetting job applicants in a way that systematicaly screens out well-known militants.

The Institute of Directors is an enthusiastic advocate of this form of *ideological policing*. "Our *advice*", Wendy Hutton, the institute's press officer, told me, "is to step up vetting procedures and look out for trouble-makers who apply for jobs. They have to be stopped."

The way this has been done varies between different companies (with some still rightly refusing to operate a system of political screening). But documents shown to me suggest that the misuse of references to demand and obtain information about workers' political leanings and union commitments has become depressingly widespread in the past decade, even in nationalized industries. For example, Roy Roebuck, works manager of a BSC subsidiary at Greenwich, asked the personnel manager at BSC's Ebbw Vale works: "I would also be interested to learn whether the applicant mentioned below has a background of political involvement."

In some companies this ideological vetting takes the form of blackballing union negotiators who are not compliant. "Disruptive attitudes when acting as shop steward ... would you re-employ? No", reads one chilling assessment from the Holliday group.

An increasingly used method of vetting job applicants is to check them with the Economic League, an avowedly right-wing intelligence agency funded by leading corporations which keeps a national *dossier on union and left-wing* activists. Those using its services to exclude militants in the past have ranged from Shell to relatively small companies such as the Great Southern Cemetery and Crematorium Group, which sent out a curt directive in January 1978 that all job applicants were to be checked with the league and "if there is the slightest suggestion of any information held against the proposed employee from this source you do not engage same".

Much of this blackballing has been conducted covertly, even shame-facedly. The importance of *the Cowley "mole" case earlier* this month is that it was used by much of the media to legitimize the political vetting of employees. The incident itself – the dismissal of 13 car workers linked to a socialist organization with a total membership little larger than that of my local tennis club – did not justify the massive and sustained coverage given to it, even in the silly season. But it conformed to the populist, right-wing view that strikes are mainly caused by unrepresentative troublemakers who take advantage of their easily duped fellow workers. This view leads to the conclusion that dissidents need to be persecuted to protect the majority.

As the *News of the World* put it, "mole-hunting (and make no mistake, the red variety are *not* cuddly, furry creatures) is not a sport in Britain. It is a necessity". The same message was put differently but, in a way, more menacingly, by a paper read by many personnel managers. "The need for care in the recruitment of labour," warned the *Daily Telegraph*, "cannot be overstated".

Fleet Street's grand inquisitors are now baying for more blood and, in some cases, extending the definition of "moles" to include, as Bruce Kemble of the *Sun* put its, "left-wing disruptives".

In a guide to "10 ways to ferret out a red mole" he listed such "give-away clues" as a liking for Channel 4, being "anti-American", reading "long, in-depth articles about the state of the war in Nicaragua".

Such articles would be merely funny if they did not have a darker side. Men and women should not be denied jobs which have no national security significance because of their political views. And the growing tendency ideologically to vet applicants for manual clerical jobs (in a way that would rightly produce a howl of outrage if extended to the middle-class professions) represents an ominous shift towards Soviet-style ideological policing. Liberty, as George Orwell powerfully argued, means allowing people freely to say things you *do not* want to hear. It is a definition of freedom worth defending, as we move towards 1984.

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CAN LEBANON EXIST?

There is a sort of parallel between the internal situation of the Israeli government and the problem it faces in Lebanon. Mr Begin has made up his mind to withdraw from the political arena, and his government has made up its mind to withdraw from the Chouf. Both decisions reflect a mixture of sheer weariness and the knowledge that to stay on involves considerable risks, with little to be positively achieved. Yet both have caused consternation among friends and allies, because of the vacuum they threaten to leave. The implementation of both was postponed yesterday "for a few days" in response to pressure from these friends and allies. Yet in neither case is it at all obvious that the problems will be solved any more easily during the period of postponement than they would be once the decisions have taken effect.

The two crises are not of the same order, however. Israel's internal crisis is a "normal" crisis, of the sort that might attend a change of leadership in any country. One man has dominated the political scene for six years. Another will somehow be found, or, at most, the opposition may come to power. Decisions will be taken, if not always the right ones, and in any event the state will carry on.

No such luxury for Lebanon, whose very existence is increasingly in question – a question of which what Israel does or does not do in the Chouf is only one small part. And the existence or non-existence of the Lebanese state, though it most immediately concerns the Lebanese themselves, has become a matter of considerable concern to many others. Even we in Britain are involved in it, as the shots fired at our soldiers in Beirut yesterday painfully remind us. This time they escaped unhurt, luckier than their French and American colleagues. But it would be wrong to assume that their lives are not in danger. The way things are going in Lebanon now, there will be a next time, and a time after that.

Not that anyone supposed, when the decision was taken to contribute ninety-seven Dragoon Guards to the multinational force in Lebanon, that they were not going to be in any danger. If the moment comes when the multinational force is in no danger, that may well be the moment when it can and should be brought home.

Short of that, what should determine the maintenance or removal of the multinational force is not the degree of danger it is in but whether it is achieving the objects for which it was sent there. These objects were essentially two: to assist in the restoration of the authority of the Lebanese state throughout Lebanese territory, and to ensure the safety of civilians while that was being done.

The hope then was that successive infringements of Lebanese sovereignty by foreign forces (Palestinian, Syrian, Israeli – each of them initially welcomed as allies by one or more Lebanese parties) had at last brought about both a Lebanese national consensus and the opportunity to put it into effect. "There have been three nation-builders of Lebanon," as one European observer put it, "and their names are Arafat, Assad and Sharon."

The bulk of the Palestinian forces had gone. The Lebanese Christians were as anxious to see their Israeli "liberators" go home as were the Lebanese Muslims to be rid of their Syrian "protectors", and Syria and Israel were both thought to be willing to go provided the other went too. Even Bashir Gemayel, formerly an extreme partisan leader, had been close, by the time of his death, to acceptance as a focus of national unity. His brother Amin, always the moderate within the Phalangist leadership, seemed even better equipped for that role. With help from his Western friends, it seemed, he had a good chance of success.

Alas, those hopes seem vain now. They have been thwarted in part by Syria's refusal to withdraw but also, crucially, by the fact that there are still significant Lebanese forces willing to throw in their lot with Syria rather than with the Lebanese state in its present form. Those forces do not hail only from the part of the country occupied by Syria, where they would have little choice, but from the Israeli-occupied south and from the crumbling shanty-towns of southern Beirut where, unfortunately, the imposition of Lebanese government authority has not brought respect for the institutions behind it. Rather the reverse.

Perhaps precisely because he lacked his brother's record as a tough leader of the Christian side in the civil war, President Amin Gemayel has not confronted the sectarian elements in his own camp with the firmness that was necessary if his authority was to be accepted among Druzes and Muslims – particularly Shi'ite Muslims, Lebanon's largest and most underprivileged community – as well. His state and his army have behaved, as our Middle East correspondent recorded in his article yesterday, too much like a Phalangist state and army, not enough like institutions belonging to all the Lebanese.

Attempts to remedy this are still going on, and the powers contributing to the multinational force should not incur responsibility for their failure by withdrawing abruptly or prematurely. But if it proves that there is in fact no Lebanese national consensus, the premise on which the multinational force is based will become invalid.

THE POLYTECHNICS' OPEN DOOR

The proportion of 18-year-olds with Advanced Level passes who then proceed further up the educational ladder to attend university or college has recently picked up. Indeed at the current 88 per cent, the "qualified participation rate" is touching the record levels of the 1960s. Then, of course, higher education was fashionable; our national pride was bound up in the expansion of academic opportunity; public regard for both red bricks and polytechnics was high.

Glamour has now faded. There is doubt whether a high participation rate should be a cause for celebration or concern. Celebration should surely be muted: higher education beckons more and more 18-year-old school leavers when the alternative is of uncertain employment or even joblessness. For Mrs Thatcher's Government concern has been predominant, with both treasury and education ministers preoccupied (as well they might be) by a bulge of adolescent numbers working through the sixth forms and colleges at a time of supposed expenditure restraint.

The Government, having laid aside many issues of academic reform left over from that hurried 1960s expansion, has sought to cut higher education spending without necessarily incurring the odium of turning away qualified students. The Department of Education has been attempting to reduce the unit cost of educating students in all the institutions but, finding the downward drift of cost more difficult to attain in the universities, has apparently countenanced a marked rise in the number of students being enrolled (hence a cheaper unit cost) in advanced education outside them. "Apparently" is a necessary qualification, in the tortuous world of polytechnic finance – polytechnics being still, despite their size and academic sophistication, creatures of councils – central government rarely directly disposes. Intended or not there has been a striking reduction in the past three years from £2,670 to £1,960 in the cost of educating a student on those polytechnic courses which do not involve extensive laboratory work. The same figure for the universities has barely dropped.

This policy has had much to commend it. Read any report of the Chief Inspector of Audit up till 1981 and it is difficult to resist the conclusion that many polytechnics had costs inflated by under-used buildings and under-occupied staffs. Expanding student numbers in the polytechnics has, in theory, often cost only the marginal amount of the student government grants for tuition and accommodation, from which strict public accounting ought to deduct the total of unemployment or social security payments saved.

But in practice the marginal cost may also have involved a reduction in academic quality. The University Grants Committee has insisted that student intake must be reduced in line with spending cuts in order to protect teaching and – the university function often forgotten by civil servants and ministers – research. Has the time now come when polytechnic directors ought also to curb their appetite for student numbers?

The answer supplied yesterday by the officers of the National Advisory Body for local authority higher education was yes – that the system of polytechnics and colleges must grapple with the qualitative issues posed by the Government's expenditure plans and reduce student intake accordingly. The body (one of the more unwieldy quangos created in Mrs Thatcher's time) is now to discuss a set of proposals for financing courses and student enrolment, the aim of which is to preserve the quality of the academic and vocational courses by pruning here and closing there. As the UGC discovered in 1981, this strategy causes much pain to the institutions affected; but far better surgery than progressive deterioration.

The National Advisory Body is presenting the Government with the fruits of its overall education spending policy. It is saying – without discussion of the merits of looting education for savings – that contraction can be managed. But now there has also to be faced a politically distasteful result: slamming the college door in the face of qualified applicants who, turned away, may face only unemployment.

So far the elasticity provided by the slack management of the polytechnics and colleges in the 1970s has eased the consequences of the spending policy for the would-be students. The Government is now being told that from 1984-85 that let-out must end. The choices are: more students and a reduction in quality or a stabilized student enrolment (cutting the participation rate) while keeping standards up. Being a polite quango a third option is not mentioned. That is to review the policy for higher education in its entirety.

MR MEACHER'S NUCLEAR BOMBSHELL

Mr Michael Meacher, who is regarded as doing duty for Mr Tony Benn in this round of Labour Party elections, has elaborated his subversive thoughts about the democratic centralism which the far left of the party uses as its model. He was talking about security policy and unilateral nuclear disarmament. He did not believe Labour could win an election unless it had majority support for its defence policy, so crucial is the issue of security. But "even if it did win, but without clear evidence of majority public support for unilateral renunciation of Polaris, I believe that an explicit test of public opinion, if necessary by a referendum, should be carried out before an absolutely fundamental decision of this kind was implemented".

He was not, he hastened to add knocking conference decisions. He was not in any way changing or seeking to modify or reverse conference policy, which in this matter he strongly supported and would continue to speak to with conviction. "All I am doing is seeking moral authority to implement it." All he is doing is shooting holes in democratic centralism.

The model up to now has been perfectly simple. The party conference, as the democratically convened and sovereign organ of the party, decides policy. The policy is written into the manifesto. The party candidates, elected to power by the people, receive a mandate to implement the policies in the manifesto. They are authorized by the voters to do so, and are under a duty to the party conference to do so.

Mr Meacher sabotages the edifice twice. First he says there is no simple transformation of manifesto into mandate. If it appears (to whom? Dr Gallup?) that a fundamentally important section of the manifesto does not, taken in isolation, have majority support, a further test of its acceptability is called for before it should be proceeded with. Second he says that a policy decision of conference is not in all cases moral authority enough for a Labour government to proceed to implement it. It needs further processing. That is to claim even more independence from the conference than orthodox parliamentarians of the Labour party are wont to claim. They claim latitude on the timing and order of priority of conference decisions that achieve the rank of party policy. Mr Meacher seeks moral authority from some other quarter before putting them on the agenda of government at all.

Those who prefer the parliamentary to the party model of political legitimacy will welcome Mr Meacher's own goal – though they may look askance at the use of the referendum to decide an issue of defence policy. But what of those who counted him a true party man of the left? Back to the dream ticket?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Political implications of going private

From Dr Craig R. Pickering

Sir, Your leading articles of August 17 and 22, and other recent articles in your newspaper, air the major economic implications of privatisation. But they do not bring out as fully as they might the political implications of that policy.

It is right to mention, as these articles do, the effect on the relations between senior managers of privatised industries and ministers. But *there are other political points to be made. For privatisation and other methods of reorganising the public sector can be seen as a way of* redistributing power and influence from the state to citizens.

Such political questions as our right to use the media of communication as we think fit and the state's freedom to tax us are inherent in the fact that certain industries are nationalised or run by the Government itself. By privatising them, the Government may shift the balance of influence away from itself towards the citizens. To that extent, privatisation is a political as well as an economic and financial act.

Such political considerations need to be taken into account, particularly when looking at proposals for a regulated rather than a nationalised *industry. The citizen may think that he or she will enjoy no increase in influence or power over the provision of goods and services from such an industry, or anything else it affects. One set of masters will simply have been exchanged for* another enlarged one.

The probability that the new set will have different views, to an extent, on how the industry should operate, from the old is not enough, in political terms, to justify reorganising the industry. Democratic theorists of various persuasions might propose new institutional constraints on the industries and the regulatory bodies. The latter might, for example, be elected, rather than, as politicians usually propose, nominated.

Such constraints might hamper the commercial operations of the industry in question. Such pessimism seems premature, however, especially when set against the importance of such industries in our political and economic life.

Much work remains to be done before answers to the questions I have raised, and others on similar lines, can be provided in the case of particular industries. But it does seem to me that any account of privatisation that concentrates on the economic dimensions at the expense of the political runs the risk of telling half the story. The history of nationalised industry is a comment on the consequences of such an approach.

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From Mr Ewen C. Watson

Sir, Your leader (August 17) extols the economic and political arguments for the privatization of state assets in competitive parts of the economy, in principle, while noting the complications of the real world.

The article refers to resource misallocation (inefficient activities *taking up resources which could be employed for more worthwhile activities) without giving due consideration to the effects of a* depressed economy.

Rather than being redeployed to worthwhile activities, the resources of land and machinery would dilapidate, human resources would add to the potential pool of labour, while capital would be swallowed up in Government expenditure.

However, in a thriving economy, with a shortage of resources (land, labour and capital), the transfer of state assets to private hands would release resources to enterprising activities.

Therefore, in the present economic circumstances the social, political and economic costs of privatization need to be weighed carefully.

An imprudent sale of state assets may further depress an economy if a large proportion of resources are excess to requirements. One must privatize, only on prosperous days.

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Inferno in a green and pleasant land

From Mr James Mitchell

Sir, The landscape stretching northwards up the Avon valley to Marlborough, westwards over Stonehenge and southwards again to Salisbury from Beacon Hill above Amesbury can make one of England's most enchanting summer views.

Returning home from holiday along the A303 last Friday afternoon that magic was dispelled by a vision of desolation.

Lowering behind a thunderbank of cloud a blood-red sun filtered down over Stonehenge as one *imagines a spent nuclear fireball in the aftermath of a holocaust. Under the clouds field after field in the landscape was blackened or was still* blazing and belching black smoke all across the bowl of this most Arcadian of English valleys. Hardly a hedge or a tree, it seemed, could have survived the wrath of the flames in that inferno without singeing, scorching or burning – and many haven't.

And the wildlife. Not a bird was singing, not a butterfly was about when I reached home through the smog. How many creatures had died, I wonder, in the fields that day?

No fisherman could fish on the river on Friday evening. The walkers in the valley could not walk with any pleasure. Visitors to England's most famous monument wasted their journeys.

Today the fires started again.

Everyone admires our farmers for having achieved so much in *improving this country's agricultural productivity since the war. But, equally, no industry would be allowed to get away with the danger, filth and heartbreak which the farmers now expect by right to be allowed to inflict on this lovely English countryside every year through strawburning.*

Gone are the days when a bonfire in the country was a joy and a rickfire a sensation. Large-scale *strawburning is a phenomenon of the new economic prairie farming, but there have to be reasonable restraints even on the most sensible of agricultural reforms.*

Many local people here, I believe, feel that the farmers, after refusing repeated requests to exercise adequate controls on strawburning, will have now to be respectfully obliged by law to stop the pollution of the countryside – just as, in the end, industrialists had to be obliged by law to desist from poisoning our cities.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES MITCHELL,
Teasel,
Wilsford-cum-Lake,
Salisbury,
Wiltshire.
August 29.

Bracken spraying

From Mr J. E. B. Wells

Sir, *May I make one or two comments on* Lady Sayer's rather emotively worded letter of August 25, with references to "toxic spraying", calling to mind the defoliation programme in Vietnam, and to the public being "chased off" Hayne Down.

Firstly, the land she writes about is not open common but is privately owned and wholly enclosed by stone walls though it is subject to common grazing rights and it is traversed by a road and a bridleway, with gates at each end.

Principally, though, does Lady Sayer not realise that spreading bracken is the main enemy of heather, the loss of which the amenity societies are so rightly concerned about, together *with bilberries and other interesting species? Bracken spraying will not destroy these because they cannot co-exist with bracken.*

Subsequent liming to improve the herbage and inhibit the recurrence of bracken, I agree, will not encourage heather, which we should all like to see more of because of its value as winter grazing, but it is better to have moorland grasses than high, tick-infested bracken, both for farmers and for walkers and picnickers.

The spray material has been drunk with no ill effects and I am told that a goldfish has been kept in the solution that is usually applied.

Finally, though, while public access is tolerated all over Dartmoor it is taking this de facto right too far to seek to use it to curtail normal farming operations on enclosed land.

Yours faithfully,
J. E. B. WELLS.
Creaber, Gidleigh,
Chagford, Devon.
August 26.

Balance of terror

From Mr Neil Kinnock, MP for Islwyn (Labour)

Sir, *During TV-am's breakfast programme on August 28 Mr David Frost asked me whether I agreed with the reported view of Mr Arthur Scargill that President Reagan and Mrs Thatcher were "the most dangerous duo" who "jointly present a threat to world peace."*

In reply, as the TV-am transcript and recording of that interview show, I said: "It is a matter of open *record that I would fundamentally disagree with that view of the balance of terror in the world" and then went on at greater length to say that the arms race between the power blocks has a momentum of its own and constitutes a "miserable equity of threat."*

Your front page headline on that story yesterday (August 29), "Scargill peace view backed by Kinnock", and the report by your Political Correspondent, Mr Anthony Bevins, that I "endorsed the view of Mr Arthur Scargill" are obviously serious distortions of what I actually said and clearly meant.

I am aware that rectifying letters do not have the same impact as front-page headlines. I nevertheless use this means of correcting your thoroughly misleading presentation of the story in the hope that accuracy of reporting will make up for prominence of misreporting.

Yours sincerely,
NEIL KINNOCK,
House of Commons.
August 30.

Belton House plea

From Mr Timothy Kimber

Sir, I wonder whether Lord Brownlow is as confused by his cousin, Mr Hoos's curiously channelled advice (August 18) as I am.

Mr Hoos appears to be urging Lord Brownlow to follow both of the two options open to him. On the one hand he is acknowledging the right to preserve an inheritance for the family. On the other he is pleading that Belton be given to the National Trust. Presumably the obstacle to Lord Brownlow's receipt of "the roars of applause from the family vault" is that the two options are mutually exclusive.

Belton is indeed a wonderful part of Britain's heritage and its future is of great importance. However the problems *of its present owner, possibly exacerbated by the stewardship of past generations,* are surely part of a wider issue.

An increasing part of the nation's heritage is being dislodged from private hands by the present capital tax regime. On top of this there is the problem of ever escalating current expenditure which in many cases far exceeds a very modest income. What, if any, persons or institutions do the Government imagine will now take on the burden of the maintenance of such properties?

Without considering the philosophical case for such tax arrangements, the fact is that those institutions, led by the National Trust, which are attempting the task are already unable to cope. They have increasing numbers of insufficiently endowed historic properties being offered to them by others facing Lord Brownlow's dilemma.

When one considers Mr Hoos's confused and contradictory letter one can perhaps understand Lord Brownlow's reluctance to confide in him. What is less understandable is Mr *Hoos's preference for public rather* than private communications.

The facts of the matter are that, unaided by Mr Hoos, Lord Brownlow has put together a set of conditions of sale for Belton which has been widely described as being exceptionally imaginative and public-spirited.

Yours faithfully
TIMOTHY KIMBER.
Newton Hall,
Nr Carnforth,
Lancashire.
August 21.

Service broadcasts

Group Captain G. H. Pirie (retd)

Sir, The members of the Broadcasting Division of the Services Sound and Vision Corporation (the BFBS) and the servicemen they entertain will be hard put to recognise the present state of the BFBS from the letter of their former director, Mr Ian Woolf, published in your issue of August 11.

Mr Blaker, the former Minister (Armed Forces) announced to the House of Commons on March 26 last year that the SSVC, formed by the merger of the BFBS and the Services Kinema Corporation, would continue to provide, at no extra cost, the high standard of service then provided.

The SSVC has been in existence for just over a year; it has been a period of energetic and encouraging activity and I am confident that the Government's expectations will be fulfilled. Of the 66 established staff of the BFBS with more than two years to serve before normal retirement, at the time of the merger, *all except five have transferred to the SSVC.*

I have seen for myself at the overseas stations that we continue to provide a service greatly valued by our servicemen and their commanders. The relationships between the broadcasters, the MOD and the commands through the chain of the council, of which the Adjutant General is president, the board of management and advisory committees, supported by professional audience research, are working very satisfactorily.

As chairman of the SSVC I was proud to become associated with the broadcasters. The morale of the staff at the broadcasting stations is uniformly high; they know that they are doing a very worthwhile job within a new and forward looking organisation.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON PIRIE, Chairman,
The Services Sound and Vision Corporation,
Chalfont Grove,
Gerrards Cross,
Buckinghamshire.

TV and religion

From Mrs Ann Marsh

Sir, Whilst I agree with Canon Martin (August 22) that the TV religious programmes need to cater for the housebound and elderly, I think they have a huge contribution to make in the *widening* and *deepening of the average churchgoer's faith. We need to hear of other people's visions and difficulties if our understanding of the worldwide church is to grow.*

TV also gives the Church an opportunity *to educate* Christian thinking by making available the wisdom and spirituality of some of its finest teachers, on our basic tenets of faith and their relevance to life today.

I know of many Christians who will welcome a viewing time which does not clash with normal services in the local churches, but surely the hundreds of thousands of Christians and well-wishers in our land have a claim to a better time than 2pm, when the potential audience are still involved with a meal which is, for many, *the most family-centred meal of the week.*

Yours *sincerely,*
ANN MARSH,
30 Platts Lane,
Hampstead, NW3.
August 22.

Youth training

From Mr K. N. Atkinson

Sir, In his letter in today's *Times* (August 25) the Director of Youthaid expresses concern that the Youth Training Scheme may have some of the shortcomings of the Youth Opportunities Programme, which is now ended.

The main difference is that for the first time young people can expect 12 months' high quality work-based training. Participating employers are required to provide a structured programme, including at least 13 weeks off the job. Criteria for the training programmes have been drawn up with the help of employers, trade unionists, educationists and voluntary organisations.

The work-experience element will be better planned than before. Far from increasing the risk of trainees not being offered jobs these factors are more likely to persuade employers *to keep them on afterwards. But participation in the Youth Training Scheme cannot guarantee* a job at the end: this is not its function.

Area manpower boards, who are involved in approving schemes, include representatives of the organisations named above. They have the enormous task of securing places for up to 460,000 trainees in this first year of the scheme – a programme on a scale not yet tried in any other country.

We hope that organizations like Youthaid with the interests of young people at heart will do all they can to secure the development of this new scheme on a sound basis.

Yours faithfully,
K. N. ATKINSON,
Director of Youth Training,
Manpower Services Commission,
Training Division,
Moorfoot,
Sheffield.
August 25.

Body and mind

From Dr Sally Jobling

Sir, Having followed with interest your recent articles and correspondence on "alternative medicine", may I suggest one reason for its growing popularity is that it supplies a commodity seldom available on the NHS: consultation time.

NHS GPs and consultants are normally limited to five to 10 minutes per patient, *whereas in the private sector consultations last for up to one hour. It is not surprising that patients appreciate this extra time devoted to their problems.*

I feel that whilst NHS doctors are handicapped by the present system, the drift away from the NHS and towards *any* alternative will continue.

Yours faithfully,
SALLY JOBLING,
Eurohealth Clinic and Diagnostic Center,
Dubai Trade Centre Residences,
Bldg 1, Apt 206,
PO Box 11748, Dubai,
UAE.
August 21.

A view of Hackney

From Mr Peter Croft

Sir, Mr Kaufman (feature, August 22) was unwise to select Hackney as the text for his sermon on the evils of government policy. Hackney, in all its squalor, at present the poorest local government area in Britain, is a monument to socialism and nothing else.

With one short break, it has had Labour administrations for fifty years. Countless reliefs, projects, rate grants, industrial grants, and almost every conceivable subsidy have been poured *into it. The results cannot be presented as anything other than a complete and unanswerable condemnation of socialist administration and Mr Kaufman's* policy of flinging other people's money at other people's problems.

Enterprise has been stifled by ludicrous rate levels: one busines there is paying only fractionally less in rates than a prime site at Oxford Circus would cost it: and the council wonders why unemployment is over 20 per cent. The massive rates have driven out most productive elements, and drawn in and demotivated by massive subsidies the feckless and indigent. The subsidised council rents effectively render it impossible to move out, and make it impossible to provide a decent standard of repair and maintenance for the slum estates that disfigure the borough.

A third of the population is of New Commonwealth origin, at every turn urged by the council's panoply of community workers, race-relations advisers, and other agitators that their disadvantages can only be remedied by external action. Meanwhile, alongside them live descendants of the Jewish immigration of *1890-1910* whose forebears attained prosperity, in the *face of far crueller difficulties*, by self-help and hard work.

Yours faithfully,
PETER CROFT,
27 Kerrison Road, W5.

A cause for railing

From Mr D. H. Colvin

Sir, Perhaps the most unsightly and regrettable long-term consequence of World War II on London is also the most unremarked – the poor quality, or in some instances the complete absence, of railings around many important buildings and public parks.

Compare the ornate magnificence of the railings of the Parc Monceau in Paris with the pathetic post and rail which currently encircles St James's Park or the tatty chicken-wire of Vincent Square, SW1. If France had not collapsed so suddenly in May, 1940, and had fought a six-year war like Britain, the railings of Paris might also have been transformed into Chars B or *Morane-Saulnier* fighters. But, if so, priority would surely have been given *to* their restoration *once the* war was *over*.

Why was this never done in London? Shortage of metal? Cost? Whatever the reason, is it too late to rectify the position now?

Yours faithfully,
D. H. COLVIN,
15 Westmoreland Terrace, SW1.
August 25.

Breakfast fare

From Mr N. A. Oppenheim

Sir, Your back page "Anniversaries" section today (August 23) gratuitously *informs me that* Sir William Wallace, a Scottish national leader was hanged, beheaded, disembowelled and quartered in 1305. Apart from the unnecessary overkill involved, this information spoiled my breakfast.

Just stick to the dates, please.

Your faithfully,
N. A. OPPENHEIM,
61 Park Road, Chiswick, W4.
August 23.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE

August 30: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this evening at a Gala Performance given by New York City Ballet at Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland and Mrs Michael Wigley were in attendance.

Princess Anne will visit Northampton on November 3.

Princess Anne, president of the Save the Children Fund, will be present at a luncheon given by the Road Haulage Association at the Grand Hotel, Bristol, on November 4.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Alan Hooper, Director of the Royal Academy of Dancing, will be held at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden on Tuesday, September 6, 1983 at noon. Tickets are not required.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. A. Blott and Miss P. M. Savage

The engagement is announced between Godfrey, elder son of Mr and Mrs Cyril Blott, of West Chiltington, West Sussex, and Patricia, daughter of the late Mr F. Savage and Mrs L. T. Savage, of Blackburn, Lancashire. The marriage will take place in Hongkong later in the year.

Mr N. E. Braithwaite and Miss C. J. Essenhigh

The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Mr Douglas Braithwaite, of Haughton Castle, Humshaugh, Northumberland, and the late Mrs Braithwaite, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Essenhigh, of Brunton House, Wall, Northumberland.

Mr J. W. Furness and Miss G. P. Booth

The engagement is announced between John Wilson, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Furness, Kirby Knowle, Thirsk, North Yorkshire, and Grania Patricia, eldest daughter of Mr John Booth, Darver Castle, Dundalk, co Louth, and of Mrs Thomas Long, Martinstown House, The Curragh, co Kildare.

Mr G. W. Berragan, RA and Miss K. A. Blezard

The engagement is announced between Gerald William, younger son of Mr and Mrs C. J. Berragan, and Karen Angela, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Blezard.

Mr C. H. S. Tubbs and Miss E. A. Dighé

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs M. C. Tubbs, of Brookland House, Gunthorpe, Nottinghamshire, and Edwina, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Dighé, of 4 Albany Court, Epping, Essex.

Mr C. N. C. Sherwood and Miss R. J. Staple

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. B. Sherwood, of Hinton Manor, Oxfordshire, and Rosemary, eldest daughter of the Rev David and Mrs Staple, of Harrow.

Marriage

Mr S. D. Jacka and Miss V. Mackworth-Praed

The marriage took place on August 20, 1983, at St Michael's Church, Mickleham, of Mr Saul Domenico Jacka and Miss Vanessa Mackworth-Praed.

Television's religious enlightenment

To understand the significance of the fuss concerning religious television broadcasting, the record needs setting straight. Only then is it possible to distinguish between the apparent issue of demotion and the real one of public discourse.

For the record then, the Central Religious Advisory Committee (CRAC), which serves the BBC and IBA, under its then chairman Dr Runcie in 1975 wrote evidence for the Annan Commission. Recognizing that the longstanding religious "closed period" between 6.15pm and 7.25am was an obvious target for any reformist commission on broadcasting, CRAC advocated some change. This would leave BBC1's and ITV's popular religious music programmes back-to-back from 6.40pm to 7.15am, but allow the serious material to "float free", the BBC agreeing to a start time not later than *10.30pm* and the IBA agreeing to somewhere between 4pm and 6.40pm.

That agreement came into effect at Easter 1977, and with BBC2 and now Channel Four agreeing not to compete strongly against popular religious music, has lasted more or less intact: less, *because* BBC1's programmes have recently been slipping behind their agreed start time. ITV settled down to a 6pm slot, a brief flirtation in Autumn 1981 with *Credo* at 4pm proving unsatisfactory.

With competition reaching an intolerable level, ITV's first thought was to transmit *Credo* back-to-back with *Everyman*, but that ran against CRAC's long-nourished desire to see serious religious programmes out in the open; hence the new 2pm slot.

Nor can The Times fairly call the ITV kettle black. While readers cannot doubt the serious attention this newspaper gives to religious matters, it is no accident that this column, and Clifford Longley's on Mondays are "tucked away" in the shelter of the Court Page. Religion can find its way on to the *main news* pages, and even, as, for instance, during the Pope's visit last year, keep hitting the front page. Precisely the same is true of ITV. So, leaving aside the handling of the matter, the early afternoon slot is not in itself derogatory, and at least ITV's regular religious *output is no longer uncomfortably* bunched.

Against that background we can consider the real issue, which *is the danger of religious* television programmes changing their quality and becoming detached from the run of the output. It is a danger looming from the United States, where commercial religious television is enjoying a hectic success isolated from everyday life. Direct broadcast satellite and cable could easily bring such material to our screens, and already there are simple-minded Christians (and some with the entre-preneurial wisdom of serpents) banging on our television's doors.

Examples need giving. The enterprising Charles Cordle, whose energy I admire, a few years ago founded the Trinity Trust, with wide Christian support, and its offshoot Lella Productions. He saw the opportunity that the coming of Channel 4 signalled, and was keen to provide a strand of good, clean family programmes, including evangelistic material of a sort unfamiliar to British viewers. A *similarly motivated* group was at the heart of one of the consortia that made an impressive but unsuccessful bid for one of the current ITV franchises.

More modestly, a group led by a north-country Christian solicitor, with financial support from Praise the Lord Inc, have made pilot chat shows which they have sought in vain to have broadcast.

An American evangelist, having pitched tent in Scotland, wrote to the IBA to find how to buy time on its stations. A patient reply explained that this was against the law: "there shall be no advertising by or on behalf of any political or religious body, or for political or religious ends," the Act governing Independent Broadcasting has been saying since 1954. The evangelist's response was dipped in comminatory vitriol.

It is tempting to ignore these developments, and assume that religious broadcasting in the United Kingdom can go on indefinitely under the present benevolent arrangements, as it does, for instance, so impressively on BBC network radio.

Times change, however, and television channels multiply. Though the Hunt committee last October recommended against allowing religious ownership of cable stations, under the modest controls to be expected of coming legislation for cable, the doors seem open to material of this sort.

Will Gresham's Law then begin to operate, with bad money driving out good? It is not impossible to imagine ITV companies beginning to think that *surely there* is no need for them to keep showing religious programmes, when there is all this material on cable with its obvious appeal to a religiously-minded minority of viewers. In much the same way, they might be tempted to leave other minority interests, from angling to zoology, for *distribution to afficiandos* through the cable services.

Religion is not a hobby for the pious. Like politics, with which our legislation wisely couples it, religion is of common concern, and it is important that it keeps its voice in the public discourse of national broadcasting.

Though it is tempting, therefore for CRAC to see the moving of *Credo* from 6pm to 2pm as a flouting of the committee's advice, *its energies may be more* creatively spent in ensuring that the programmes – on Channel Four as well as ITV, and on BBC1 if not so evidently on BBC2 – continue as best they can to "inform, educate and entertain" the public at large. Canada's similar formula puts "enlighten" for "educate", and for CRAC and the two broadcasting authorities which it serves, enlightment, rather than the obscurantism that threatens, could be a valuable watchword.

Christopher Martin

East meets West: Sung ok Yang performing a fan dance during the Korean National Music and Dance Company's show at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London. The production, part of the Anglo-Korean centenary celebrations, closes on Saturday. (Photograph: Brian Harris).

OBITUARY

SIR DENNIS PROCTOR

Distinguished civil servant

Sir Dennis Proctor, KCB, who died yesterday at the age of 77, was a distinguished civil servant whose career was in two parts; the substantial part of his working life was spent at the Treasury where he served from 1930 to 1950; then, after intercalating three years in business he returned to the civil service where he served successively as Deputy Secretary at the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation from 1953 to 1958 and Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Power from 1958 to 1965.

Philip Dennis Proctor was born on September 1 1905, the son of Sir Philip Proctor KBE. He was educated at Harrow, where he played cricket for the school, and at King's College Cambridge, of which he was made an honorary fellow in 1968. His college and his membership of the Apostles deeply influenced him and gave him life-long friends.

In 1929, after a year at Marburg University, he entered the civil service and was posted to the Ministry of Health. In 1930 he was transferred to the Treasury, where he remained for twenty years. He was an effective and popular colleague in a style all his own: practical sense and good judgment battled continuously with strong views and natural impatience. The only jobs he could not do were those (like being private secretary to a minister) which involved suppressing his personality. Where force, originality and disregard of convention were required, he was first-rate.

His last post at the Treasury which he occupied from 1948 to 1950, was that of Third Secretary in charge of matters relating to the arts and sciences. He was eminently suited for this, and gained the affection and trust of those with whom he dealt.

In 1950 he left the civil service to join a Danish shipping firm. This was not a success: the head of his firm was an autocrat and Proctor was not used to receiving orders undisputed. In 1953 he was out of a job.

By chance, at that time there was a vacancy, difficult to fill, at the Ministry of Transport. Sir Edward Bridges, as he then was, had always had a high regard for Proctor's ability and, without knowing that he was unemployed, asked him if he would rejoin the civil service. He did so, and never regretted it. He served as Deputy Secretary at the Ministry of Transport till 1958, and then as Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Power till he retired in 1965.

In 1952, while he was out of the Civil Service, he was made a Trustee of the Tate Gallery. From 1953 to 1959 he was Chairman of the Trustees. Those were stormy days at the Tate: there had been considerable strife under his predecessor as chairman, and it fell to Proctor to take the lead in restoring calm. In this he and his colleagues were successful, but only after much pain and trouble, from which he suffered greatly, more than his friends thought necessary; but his was not a placid nature and the affair remained a sore memory for the rest of his life.

He also served for some time on committees relating to the arts set up by the Gulbenkian Foundation, and on the governing committee of the Courtauld Institute.

After his retirement he found much to occupy his ever-active mind. His second home was in the Vaucluse. His interest in the region, together with a classical education which he had never neglected, led to the appearance in 1971 of *Hannibal's March in History*, an able and original book on Hannibal's route through Gaul and over the Alps.

In 1980 he published *The Experience of Thucydides*, the fruit of a life-long study of the historian. From Thucydides he turned to two other interests, on both of which he hoped to publish something: astronomy, where he believed that there was room for a book on the Galaxy by a non-astronomer for his fellows; and Mme de Gournay, the "fille par alliance" of Montaigne, and the fate of her library. But he did not live to finish either project.

A labour of love which did see the light of day, however, was his editing of *The Autobiography of G. Lowes Dickinson*, the Cambridge don whom he had known in his own days at King's. This task had originally been left by Lowes Dickinson to E. M. Forster, but the novelist who had already produced his own biography of the subject, passed it on to Proctor who published it, with a sensitive introduction in 1973.

Proctor was appointed CB in 1946 and created KCB in 1959. He was twice married, first in 1936 to Dorothy Varda who died in 1951, and secondly in 1953 to Barbara, daughter of General Sir Ronald Adam, Bt. They had two sons and one daughter.

MR L. R. MISSEN

Mr Leslie Robert Missen, CMG, MC, who died on August 27 at the age of 86 had a career in local government education, during which time he was also education adviser to various government ministries.

He had served in the First World War with the 7th Battalion N Staffs Regiment in Mesopotamia, Pesia and the Caucasus gaining his MC, afterwards going into local government education where he had senior posts at Leeds, Middlesbrough and Wigan before joining East Suffolk County Council where he was Chief Education Officer from 1936 to 1962.

During this time he was Educational Adviser to the Ministry of Agriculture from 1944 to 1954; to the Ministry of Education from 1950 to 1957; to the Colonial Secretary from 1952 to 1955; and to the Royal Navy from 1958 to 1964. He was also a member of the Local Government Commission for England from 1962 to 1966, and President of the Association of Education Officers in 1952.

His publications included a war history of his battalion and he had contributed to *Purnell's History of the First World War*. He was appointed CMG in 1956.

Sir John Arthur Edwards, CBE, who died on August 25 at the age of 82, was president of the London Rent Assessment Panel from 1968 to 1973, having been vice-president from 1965 to 1968.

Lady Baker, who died on August 28 after a long illness, was the wife of the Rt Hon Sir George Baker, OBE, former President of the Family Division of the High Court of Justice. She was the former Jessie McCall Findlay.

Sir Robert Burton-Chadwick, Bt, died on August 28 at the age of 72.

Archaeology

Adjusting dates of early metal working

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

Recent work in Vietnam and Thailand suggests that there was, after all, no precociously early development of metal-working in the region. Excavations in the 1960s and 1970s at two sites in northern Thailand had suggested that bronze metallurgy had begun soon after 3000 BC and iron working between 1600 and 1000 BC, in each case a thousand years earlier than the same processes in metropolitan China to the north.

While the two sites, Non Nok Tha and Ban Chiang, were the only ones in South-east Asia with *radiocarbon dates for this period*, there seemed on reason to deny the emergence of a new technology at a surprisingly early date in the region, although the social matrix within which it seemed to have occurred, the simple farming village, was unexpected.

New radiocarbon dates from *several other sites in the region* indicate that South-east Asia in fact acquired metal-working technology after it had already developed in China, although the early dates for bronze smelting there, around 2700 BC in the western province of Gansu, confirm that independent discovery of metallurgy did occur in eastern Asia as well as in the Near East and in Europe.

Excavaions at Ban Nadi, near Ban Chiang in the Korat Plateau area of northern Thailand, have yielded radiocarbon dates that put the initial occupation between 1500 and 1000 BC, with the use of iron appearing between 400 and 100 BC.

At Ban Chiang Hian, a large moated settlement in the Chi Valley, bronze is present before 1000 BC and iron appears between 600 and 300 BC. At a third site, Non Chai, the much later initial occupaion has iron working between 300 BC and AD 200.

The pottery from Non Chai matches that from the later levels at Ban Nadi, which in its lower levels has clear links with Ban Chiang. Thus, the very early dates from Ban Chiang have been brought forward in time by a millennium or so.

In Vietnam, recent work has shown that bronze technology appears by the late Phung Nguyen phase, around 1500 BC, while iron working comes in the Dong Son phase between 600 and 400 BC. The radiocarbon dates for Dong Son come from large wooden boat coffins, found at sites in the Red River valley around Hanoi.

The technology of bronze-casting in the Red River and Mekong valleys is comparable in the later second millennium BC, including sandstone moulds and spouted crucibles for casting axes. There is a radiocarbon date of about 1420 BC for the site of Doc Chua near Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), where the sandstone moulds are *just like* those in north-east Thailand.

The earliest iron objects at Ban Chiang and Ban Nadi are *spearheads, with cast-on bronze* hafts; such bimetallic technology is widespread in areas having easy contact with late Warring States China, and in South China it has recently been noted in the lordly graves at Shizhai shan in Yunnan.

This shorter chonology "dispenses with the need to explain the origins of metallurgy and its durability in simple village contexts", said Professor Charles Higham, of the University of Otago, who presented recent archaeological evidence from South East Asia at a British Academy lecture.

"In its place we can focus on a particularly interesting change, from small autonomous communities to an hierarchic settlement pattern."

Therefore, while South East Asia can still be seen as the seat of an independent emergence of complex society in the later first millennium BC, one which was absorbed by China in AD 43, (coincidentally the same year as the Romans did the same to the Iron Age kingdoms of Britain) some of the technology underlying that society must now be interpreted within a wider frame of reference which admits Chinese influence from at least the second millennium BC onwards.

Birthdays today

Sir Donald Allen, 89; Mr Roy Castle, 51; Mr Roland Culver, 83; Sir James Cleminson, 62; Lieutenant-General Sir Napier Crookenden, 68; Air Marshall Sir Edward Gordon Jones, 69; Mr Larry Grayson, 53; Miss M. M. Hickey, 59; Mr Alan Jay Lerner, 65; Mr Clive Lloyd, 39; Professor Sir Bernard Lovell, 70; Mr Bryan Organ, 48; Mr Itzhak Perlman, 38; Mr Justice Sheen, 65.

University news

Leeds

Dr Roy Parker, Medical Research Council senior grade scientist and senior lecturer at London University Institute of Cancer Research and Royal Marsden Hospital, has been appointed professor of medical physics from September 1.

Open

Professor Norman Gowar, aged 42, senior lecturer in mathematics, has been appointed the first director of the centre for mathematics education. He has also been awarded a personal chair in mathematics with special reference to mathematics education.

Church news

Scottish Episcopal Church

The Rev R A C Grieve, Rector of St Peter's, Fraserburgh and St John's, New Pitsligo (Aberdeen), to be Vicar of the Corringham group of charges (Lincoln).

The Rev D E Howard, formerly Priest-in-Charge of Berrington with Betton Strange and Cound (Hereford), to be diocesan supernumerary and Hospital Chaplain (Aberdeen).

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Martin Rewcastle to be director of South West Arts.

Fear of reprisal stops public helping police, Newman says

From Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent, Cambridge

Fear of reprisals in many London housing estates is stopping people helping the police to solve crimes, Sir Kenneth Newman, the Metropolitan Police commissioner, said yesterday.

"Even people who have witnessed quite serious crimes do not want to become involved", he told a Cambridge conference. "There are estates and streets where the law-abiding majority suffer seriously at the hands of a lawless minority.

"The lawless minority tend to label every police intervention as harassment. Yet the majority, provided they are not personally involved, want more police intervention rather than less."

Sir Kenneth, in a diagnosis of London's ills and police strategy to deal with them, foreshadowed the police force's launch of neighbourhood watch schemes on September 6 with a call for joint action by local government and other agencies the police and the community.

"It is commonplace in some multi-ethnic areas for policemen making a legitimate arrest or intervention to be surrounded by a hostile crowd bent on 'rescuing' the prisoner or interviewee." That could occur even when the victim was not black.

If police acted alone in tackling illegal drinking clubs or making arrests for drug offences, they would be faced with the gloomy prospect of being constantly at war with a section of the community, he said.

Describing the development of new police techniques, Sir Kenneth said that immediate pursuit or apprehension of a suspect was sometimes unwise in sensitive areas and could lead to riot.

"Police officers are encouraged *to note the description* of the offender and arrest him later in less conspicuous and tense circumstances or to delay action until reinforcements can be called *and a well-controlled* operation mounted."

Sir Kenneth, who was addressing an international colloquium at Wolfson College on policing and social policy in multi-ethnic areas, said that remodelled neighbourhood policing in London sought to provide a better service to the public by concentrating on crime prevention and support for victims. Backing those tactics were *mobile support units* of about twenty men under an inspector. They would provide a rapid response to spontaneous outbreaks of disorder and play a supplementary role in crime prevention.

Authorities could help to reduce fear of crime and strengthen community confidence by the removal of derelict buildings, improving waste collection, removing graffiti and smartening up street furniture. If unruly youngsters were to be pushed off the streets they must have somewhere to go. The cooperation of schools and the youth services was essential to provide additional recreational and educational opportunity

Police operations needed to be seen as part of a total community strategy, he said.

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Latest wills

Una Maud Munday, of Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, left estate valued at £492,954 net. After bequests totalling £37,000, she left the residue equally between the Church Army, St Luke's Nursing Home for the Clergy, London, Christian Aid, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Salvation Army, Dr Barnardo's, and the David Livingstone Missionary Society, Glasgow.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Bevan, Mr Frederick Eardley Yerburgh, of Wateringbury, Kent, company director £455,456
Craigmile, Mr Hugh Woodville Carson, of Conwy, Gwynedd, stockbroker £459,764
Frost, Mr Roland Jesse, of Axbridge, Somerset £240,112
Giustachini, Mrs Annita, of Covent Garden, London £223,118
Green, Mr Stephen Bernard Rylands, of Lyddington, Leicestershire £201,368
Groves, Mrs Frances Grace, of Nether Wallop, Hampshire £216,998
Howard, Mrs Janet Rymer, of Winchester, Hampshire £240,285
Laurie, Major-General Sir John Emilius, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, Colonel, Seaforth Highlanders 1947-57 .... £67,677
Mudd, Mr Derek Percival, of Guisborough, Cleveland £296,435
Preedy, Mr George Martin, of Wheldrake, York £208,639
Smith, Mrs Anna, of Collon, co Louth, estate in England, Wales and the Republic of Ireland £277,475
Wall, Mr Michael, of Clonmel, co Tipperary, farmer, estate in England, Wales and the Republic of Ireland £318,576
Young, Mrs Kathleen, of Orpington, Kent £201,695

Science report

Otters return to an English river

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A harness carrying a radio transmitter worn by a male otter, one of three animals released at a secret location in East Anglia in July, has been recovered according to plan by scientists of the Otter Trust and the Nature Conservancy Council.

For the past seven weeks the transmitter has enabled the movements of the otters to be monitored nightly. All three *animals have been seen* from time to time; the other two are females.

They were reared together, and between them they have established a territory of more than six miles of river adjacent to the pen where they were released, and many miles more of ditches and small *streams*.

The purpose of monitoring the otters was to establish what they needed to make a suitable habitat. Now that has been determined, three more young otters will be introduced into the wild within the next few weeks with the purpose of creating, eventually, a viable breeding community.

Research into the behaviour of the otter, from which a scientifically-based effort for *conserving the species could be* pursued, began more than ten years ago. But the decline of the animal began in the middle of the 1950s, and in many areas it has not been seen since. The disappearance coincided with the use of hazardous pesticides, and particularly dieldrin, which have since been abandoned.

The situation in England is much more serious than other parts of Britain. Dr Tony Mitchell-Jones, of the Nature Conservancy Council, said yesterday there was no reliable figures for the numbers in England, but some specialists in population biology believed there were too few left to ensure survival.

There were question-marks over the possible behaviour of animals reared in captivity and released into the lowland river conditions of East Anglia. Since the otter disappeared from these sorts of areas nearly 30 years ago, the *old habitats have also* changed through land drainage channels, agricultural development, sporting and recreation use of waterways, and other human pressures on the countryside.

All the doubts were dispelled for the research team by the time Dr Rowena Jessop, the *trust's* conservation officer, retrieved the electronic transmittor at the weekend which had allowed the antics of the animals to be tracked for more than 40 nights.

The harness, designed by Dr Don Jefferies, the council's chief scientist, and Dr Mitchell-Jones, was designed to disintegrate after a short period so that the otter could wriggle out of it.

Saint's shadow slips from Stoke into oblivion

By Clifford Longley

St Penket rested in peace yesterday, along with St Philomena and other saints who never existed, after the priest who gave currency to the bizarre tale of her burial in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, said he had been "taken in" by her inventor Dr Colin Richmond, of Keele University.

Dr Richmond submitted an article to the *Downside Review* together with a covering letter to the editor, Fr Daniel Rees.

"I am as sure as any historian ever can be that St Penket's head, once at Fribourg, is now buried in the garden of 21, The Villas, Stoke-on-Trent", Dr Richmond had written. But in his covering letter, which Fr Rees has now re-examined, he had stated: "This is a story. I often write such 'fictions'."

Fr Rees understood "fiction" referred to Dr Richmond's speculations as to what really happened, not to the whole article.

"I thought it was told as a story. The Gospels are stories but they are true. I was quite sure it was genuine. It was so convincing. I was taken in to that extent", he said. So he published it in his magazine without a word of caution *to the reader*, and *told* inquirers that it was a serious piece of historical research.

Council overspending: 2

Southwark rejects charges of extravagance

At the top of any list of "over-spending" councils come the inner London boroughs controlled by the Labour Party. Such boroughs as Islington and Camden regularly make the news. Less ostentatious but no less of a candidate for the government's new rate-capping procedures is Southwark, where David Walker asked councillors and officials to explain the need for what they concede are notably high levels of municipal spending.

Southwark, according to *its* chief executive, is "unquestionably a high-spending authority. Unquestionably we need to be." But the south London borough, a Labour stronghold, rejects charges of extravagance and overspending.

"One is always aware of dealing with public money", Mr Alan Davis, the Labour leader, said. He and his colleagues reject entirely the Government's apparatus of targets and penalties. "The Government has virtually plucked figures out of the air."

In 1979, the Conservatives' election compaigning made much of a Southwark plan to build, at huge cost, a new town hall. The edifice was never built. The regime in the borough was then Labour old guard.

The same forces which made Mr Peter Tatchell Labour's standard-bearer in the Bermondsey by-election swept through the town hall.

That remains where it was on Peckham High Road, midway between gentrified Camberwell and proletarian Peckham Rye; but its occupants are definitely part of Labour's new *left*, in close alliance with councillors at County Hall and in such boroughs as Lambeth, Hackney and Islington, *all* candidates for rate-capping under the Government's proposed scheme.

Mr Davis is suspicious of press bias. "There is so little understanding of what is involved in local government operations; so much use of simplistic formulae."

Maybe, but those formulae are being used by the Government to *pillory Southwark. This year the* borough is spending 34 per cent above the Government's assessment of what it needs to spend and nearly 17 per cent above the public spending control total allocated to it by the Department of the Environment. Worse, Southwark's portion of the local *rates bill increased by 60 per cent* in April.

Compared with other inner London boroughs on the Chartered Institute of Finance and Accountancy's figures, Southwark is not an egregious high spender but the expense of its provision mounts up. In 1983-84, South*wark is spending £455* per head of population, a figure exceeded in inner London only by Camden, and nearly twice that expended in Wandsworth.

Mr Gerry Corless, the chief executive, said that four-fifths of that spending on services is related to urban deprivation and no one could pretend that the acres of public housing in Bermondsey and Peckham did not contain a fair showing of the social blight of the inner city.

Mr Corless detailed them: Southwark's disproportionate number of children in care, children at risk of abuse from deprived parents; the largest public housing stock (*62,000* units) in London; numbers of elderly; a large black population. The debt on Southwark's housing accounts for 40 per cent of its total spend.

"A strict head count in Southwark is misleading", Mr Corless said, claiming that government assessments based on population failed to allocate to Southwark sufficient funds to *cope with family* breakdown, the isolated elderly.

Deprivation is only part of the Southwark story. Like the other inner London Labour boroughs, the municipal unions are strong; checking efficiency is a difficult business.

Southwark, under the left Labour regime, has chosen to spend on job creation programmes and committees for women and ethnic minorities. Mr Davis said that those committees *were only a small part of the* borough's activities employing only a dozen members of staff.

Since the Labour councillors believe that existing levels of spending are themselves inadequate, there is little chance that they will reach an accommodation with the Government, *although Mr Corless said that he* could build a strong case to present to the Department of the Environment for exemption from rate-capping.

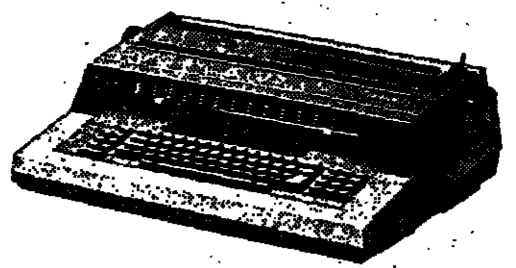
Over the next few weeks the London Labour Party is going into intensive session to work out a strategy against rate-capping. Mr Davis mentioned a "strike" of capital: if all authorities refused to spend the capital allocation given by the Government the financial institutions would be hurt. But so, presumably, would the poor people of Southwark.

Tomorrow: Newcastle



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MARKET REPORT ● by Michael Clark

Shares continue to drift

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, Aug 15. Dealings end, Sept 2. Contango Day, Sept 5. Settlement Day, Sept 12.

Investors decided to treat themselves to an extended Bank Holiday break yesterday as share prices continued to drift on lack of support at the start of the final leg of the long three-week account.

The latest industrial survey from the CBI made gloomy reading as it forecast a tailing off in output next year.

Friday's US money supply figures did little to help sentiment. The M1 figures fell by $200m – just slightly above the 5 per cent to 9 per cent target range set by thr Federal Reserve Board.

The decline was less than expected, but the bond market appears to have lost some of its confidence. As a result, gilts fell by more than 50p in London as hopes of a cut in US interest rates took another knock.

Leading equities closed above their worst levels help by a firmer opening on Wall Street, but the *FT* Index failed to halt its recent slide, closing 5.8 down at 716.3 having been 6.6 lower at 3 pm.

Only those blue chips boasting strong US institutional support resisted the trend, with ICI 16p higher at 550p after bullish noises in the overseas press. American investers now own more than 8 per cent of the company's shares.

Glaxo was another firm market, climbing 20p to 815p. About 20 per cent of the shares are now traded on Wall Street. But Boots slipped 6p to 172p.

Tottenham Hotspur's televised home game with Nottingham Forest on October 1, may provide the backdrop fot the first details of Spur's decision to become Britain's first fully-quoted football club. Mr Paul Bobroff a director of Spurs says: "We are aiming for around that date". The market is looking for forecast pretax profits of £1.5m and the bookmakers are offering odds of eight-to-one for Spurs to win the championship.

Morgan Guaranty has bought a number of American Depositary Receipts and plans to start dealing tomorrow. Boots recently received the go-ahead from the Federal Drug Authority to market its anti-rheumatic drug, Ibuprofen, over-the-counter in the United States.

Elsewhere, BTR fell 9p to 537p, Blue Circle Industries 7p to 428p, Bowater 4p to 112p, GKN 5p to 178p, Marks and Spencer 4p to 206p and Vickers 3p to 120p.

The Irish oil boom appears to have run out of steam. Shares of Atlantic Resources tumbled 65p to 275p yesterday after Gulf Oil announced disappointing findings in its test report on the Celtic Sea.

Other casualties included Aran Energy down 10p at 410p and Eglington Oil 35p to 165p. Less than a month ago shares of Atlantic Resources stood at less than £1 before spurting to a new high of 515p as hopes of an oil boom swept Ireland.

Among the oil majors, BP slipped 2p to 436p still awaiting details of the government's planned sell-off. Shell was also a weak market, sliding 4p to 614p.

Among the insurance composites, Guardian Royal Exchange lost ground tumbling 10p to 516p ahead of figures today. The analysts appear undecided on the outcome, with estimates ranging from £47m to £58m against £35.7m last time.

Shares of Midland Bank go fully paid next week after its recent £155m rights issue. Wood Mackenzie the brokers are recommending both class of shares as strong buys. The brokers say the nil-paid standing at 80p against a subscription price of 350p offer a cheap way into the ordinary, a present standing at 432p, and will provide a saving of about 10p after stamp and commission.

Whispers of bumper profits this year from Cornell Dresses boosted the shares 17p to 250p. The group headed by Turkish entrepreneur Mr Asil Nadir is said to be on course for profits of more than £8m this year.

Mr Nadir's plans to merge all three of his publicily-quoted companies is still expected to be completed this year.

Hartson Nominees has bought 190,000 shares in Home Counties Newspapers, a subsidiary of County Newspapers and publisher of local newspapers in Essex, Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire. Harton's stake amounts to 7.6 per cent of the equity.

Other big shareholders include County Bank with 12.53 per cent and Clydesdale Bank with 6.6 per cent. News of the purchase did little for the shares, which closed unchanged at 110p, 5p short of the year's high.

Simon Engineering has bought 2.5 million shares in Drake & Scull, the electrical, mechanical and general engineer, at an average price of 120p a share. This amounts to 13.8 per cent of the equity. Shares of Drake & Skull ended the day 2½ higher at 119½, while Simon closed unchanged at 398p, after 400p.

Ferguson Industrial Holdings has sold its entire stake in Finlay Packaging. Brokers W. Greenwell have placed 1.94 million share capital. Finlay closed just a whisker short of the year's higher at 37p.

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BRITISH FUNDS

1982/83 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
SHORTS								
104¾	96⅞	Exch	13¼%	1983	100¹⁵⁄₁₆	..	13.390	9.165
101⅛	91¾	Exch	10%	1983	100¼	..	9.984	9.511
98⅜	87¼	Fund	5½%	1982-84	98⅜	..	5.570	8.776
103⅜	91⅝	Exch	11½%	1984	100⅞	..	11.180	9.729
107¼	96½	Exch	14%	1984	102⁹⁄₁₆	..	13.664	10.473
95⅝	81¼	Exch	3%	1984	94⅝	..	3.165	9.968
105¼	91½	Treas	12%	1984	101⁷⁄₁₆ ●	..	11.830	10.543

[remaining British Funds, Commonwealth and Foreign, Local Authorities, Dollar Stocks, Banks and Discounts, Breweries and Distilleries, Commercial and Industrial (A–B, C–E, F–H, I–N, O–S, T–Z), Financial Trusts, Insurance, Investment Trusts, Shipping, Mines, Oil, Property, Plantations, Miscellaneous and Unlisted Securities price tables: illegible]

Sterling: Spot and Forward

	Market rates (day's range) August 30	Market rates (close) August 30	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.4940-1.5015	$1.4985-1.4995	0.20-0.70c disc	0.17-0.22c disc
Montreal	$1.8410-1.8485	$1.460-1.8470	0.10c prem-par	0.12-0.02c prem
Amsterdam	4.49-4.52¼f	4.50½-4.51½fl	1¼-1¼c prem	4½-3½c prem
Brussels	80.70-81.20f	81.02-81.12f	10c prem-par	12-2c prem
Copenhagen	14.43-14.52k	14.50½-14.51½k	131-246ore disc	23 prem-101ore disc
Dublin	1.2750-1.2825p	1.2810-1.2820p	36-43p disc	106-122p disc
Frankfurt	4.01-4.04m	4.02½-4.03½m	1½-1¼pf prem	4½-3½pf prem
Lisbon	184.00-187.00e	185.25-185.75e	152-419c disc	470-1170c dic
Madrid	227.50-228.50p	228.00-228.20p	265-420c disc	1000-1305c disc
Milan	2395-2406lr	2405-2407lr	14¼-16¼lr disc	45½-49½lr disc
Oslo	11.19-11.23½k	11.22-11.23k	283-360ore disc	875-960ore disc
Paris	12.08-12.14f	12.12½-12.13½f	2⅞-3⅛c disc	14½-16½c disc
Stockholm	11.83-11.87k	11.85½-11.86½k	165-228ore disc	440-520ore disc
Tokyo	366-371y	369½-370½y	1.04-0.88y prem	2.89-2.66y prem
Vienna	28.15-28.40sch	28.33-28.37sch	10-8gro prem	28-25gro prem
Zurich	3.26-3.28½f	3.27-3.28f	1¼-1¼c prem	4½-3½c prem

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975, was up 0.4 at 85.2.

Money Market Rates

Clearing Banks Base Rate 9½%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 9¼ Low 8½

Week Fixed: 9½-9⅝

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9²⁵⁄₃₂	2 months	9²¹⁄₃₂
3 months	9²¹⁄₃₂	3 months	9⁹⁄₁₆

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	9½-9¹³⁄₃₂	1 month	10³⁄₃₂
2 months	9²⁵⁄₃₂-9⁷⁄₁₆	2 months	10³⁄₁₆
3 months	9²¹⁄₃₂-9⅝	3 months	10⁵⁄₃₂
6 months	9²⁵⁄₃₂-9²⁷⁄₃₂	6 months	10¼

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10⅛-9⅞	7 months	10¼-10
2 months	10⅛-9⅞	8 months	10¼-10
3 months	10¼-10	9 months	10½-10¼
4 months	10⅞-10⅝	10 months	10½-10¼
5 months	10⅞-10⅝	11 months	10½-10¼
6 months	10¼-10	12 months	10½-10¼

Secondary Mkt. SCD Rates (%)

1 month	9¹¹⁄₁₆-9⅝	6 months	10-9⅞
3 months	9¹⁵⁄₁₆-9¹³⁄₁₆	12 months	10⁵⁄₁₆-10³⁄₁₆

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9½	3 months	9¹⁵⁄₁₆
7 days	9⅝	6 months	10⅛
1 month	9⅝	1 year	10⅜

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 9¾		Close 8	
1 week	9⅝-9½	6 months	10¼-10⅛
1 month	9⅝-9⅝	9 months	10⁵⁄₁₆-10³⁄₁₆
3 months	9⅞-9¹³⁄₁₆	12 months	10⁹⁄₁₆-10⁷⁄₁₆

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 9⅞ 6 months 10¼

Finance House Base Rate 10%

Other Markets

Australia	1.6945-1.7085
Bahrain	0.5635-0.5665
Finland	8.5780-8.6180
Greece	138.75-138.75
Hongkong	11.2470-11.2870
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.4360-0.4390
Malaysia	3.5135-3.5435
Mexico	215.00-240.00
New Zealand	2.2915-2.3115
Saudi Arabia	5.20-5.23
Singpore	3.1935-3.2235
South Africa	1.6745-1.6865

Dollar Spot Rates

* Ireland	1.1698-1.1708
† Canada	1.2320-1.2323
Netherlands	3.0090-3.0100
Belgium	54.08-54.11
Denmark	9.6800-9.6900
West Germany	2.6885-2.6895
Portugal	123.00-124.00
Spain	152.10-152.30
Italy	1604.75-1605.75
Norway	7.4900-7.5000
France	8.0900-8.1000
Sweden	7.9175-7.9225
Japan	246.20-246.30
Austria	18.92-18.95
Switzerland	2.1885-2.1850

* Ireland quoted in US currency.
† Canada $1 : US $0.8120-0.8123

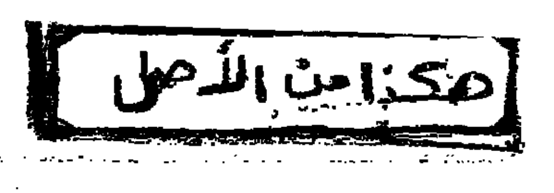
Euro-$ Deposits

(%) calls, 9-10; seven days, 9⁷⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆; one month, 9⅝-9⅝; three months, 10⁵⁄₁₆-10³⁄₁₆; six months, 10⁹⁄₁₆-10⁷⁄₁₆.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $418.85 (an ounce); pm, $418.10 close, $417.50-418.35 (£278.75-279.25).
Krugerrand* (per coin): $430.50-432 (£287.50-288.50).
Sovereigns* (new): $98-99 (£65.25-66).
* Excludes VAT

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 716.3 down 5.8
FT Gilts: 79.41 down 0.19
FT All Share: 454.52 down 2.78
Bargains: 17,067
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 100.53 up 0.05
New York: Dow Jones Average: 1196.65 up 2.54
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,195.92 up 23.38
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 971.08 down 10.72
Amsterdam: 147.7 down 0.2
Sydney: AO Index 695.2 down 0.3
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 914.30 down 1.60
Brussels: General Index 132.69 down 0.40
Paris: CAC Index 135.9 down 0.7
Zurich: SKA General Index 283.3 up 2.5

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling $1.4990 down 25pts
Index 85.2 up 0.4
DM 4.03 up 0.023
FrF 12.13 up 0.08
Yen 370.25 up 0.75
Dollar
Index 129.3 up 0.5
DM 2.6885
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.4980
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INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9½
Finance houses base rate 10
Discount market loans week fixed 9½-9⅜
3 month interbank 9⅞-9 13/16
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 10 13/16-10 9/16
3 month DM 5 9/16-5 7/16
3 month Fr F15⅛-15
US rates
Bank prime rate 11.00
Fed funds 9⅜
Treasury long bond 101¾-101 11/16

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period July 6 to August 2, 1983 inclusive: 9.989 per cent.

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TODAY

INTERIMS: Arbuthnot Government Securities Trust, Babcock International, I. J. Dewhurst, Guardian Royal Exchange, William Jacks, Johnson Matthey (Quarterly), Nu-Swift Industries, Owners Abroad Group, Thomas Robinson, G. W. Sparrow & Sons.
FINALS: Associated Dairies Group, East of Scotland Onshore.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Cluff Oil, 58 St Jame's Street, SW1 (10.30); The Fleming Technology Investment Trust, P&O Building (2nd floor); Forshaws Burntwood Brewery, The Brewery, Burntwood, Nr Warrington, Cheshire (11.00); Great Portland Estates, Brown's Hotel, Dover Street, W1 (3.00).

NOTEBOOK

Half time profits of £16.1 from the Ladbroke Group, the betting shops to hotels company, disappointed the market which had hoped for better. Profits were up by 20 per cent on the previous period, and reflect higher occupancy in the hotels and stronger margins on the betting side. The interim dividend has been increased by 10 per cent to 4.07p.

CRA, the Australian mining group which is 53 per cent owned by Rio Tinto-Zinc, made interim net profits of A$22m (£12m) against a loss of A$29.2 for the same period of last year. A dividend of 3 cents has been declared. Sales, which for the first time included Omalco as a subsidiary, rose from A$903m to A$1,530m and earnings per share were 5.1 cents instead of a loss of 6.7 cents. The company says that demand and prices for most minerals were higher in the first half and that the trend is continuing. Most of the subsidiaries and associates increased their contributions.

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Markets expect M1 to slip further from Fed's target range

Dollar marches on as fears grow of US money supply bulge

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

The dollar surged ahead on currency markets yesterday as dealers indulged their obsession with United States money supply figures.

Disappointment over the mere $200m fall in M1 announced last Friday soon gave way to concern about the expected bulge in monetary growth in the weeks ahead, which it is believed, will push M1 further outside the Federal Reserve's target range.

However, by late afternoon the dollar was running out of steam. Having touched DM2.6885 in London and began to weaken in New York markets after the Fed injected reserves into the system with $1.5bn of customer repurchases.

Dealers interpreted the Fed action as a move to stabilize United States interest rates. Last week it drained reserves with reverse repurchases after the key Fed funds rate fell below 9 per cent.

But yesterday Fed funds had moved up from the 9⅜ per cent of Monday to about 9½ per cent which dealers believe is as high as the Fed would like.

Sterling was dragged up by the dollar yesterday rising nearly 2½ pfennigs to DM4.03 and 8 centimes to FrFl12.13. It eased slightly against the dollar to $1.499 – down 25 points – but its trade-weighted value rose 0.4 to 85.2.

Although there is still reluctance to sell dollars, there are signs of growing disenchantment in the markets with the strength of the US currency. "There are many more people willing to sell the dollar, if they were convinced others would do the same," one dealer said yesterday.

One argument frequently put forward suggesting that the dollar will begin to weaken is the burgeoning US trade deficit. On Monday the dollar suffered a temporary setback, while London markets were closed for the Bank Holiday, after US trade figures were announced. But he reaction was short-lived and attention soon returned to money supply

Dealers believe that the Federal Reserve is pursuing a neutral policy towards monetary growth.

However, there are worries that M1 figures due on Friday could show a rise in money supply of $500m to $1bn and a further large increase is expected the following week.

In recent weeks M1 has come closer in line with the target range but figures over the next fortnight could push it well outside the range once again. There is concern in the markets that this would once again push up United States interest rates.

Reacting to the overnight fall in United States bond prices, gilt-edged stocks closed yesterday with losses of up to £⅜ at the long-end of the market.

Japan trade surplus at record $3.7bn

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

Japan recorded its highest yet surplus on international trade in goods of $3,760m last month, with exports nearly 5 per cent up on a year earlier, according to official government figures released yesterday.

This is in sharp contrast to the $6,360m US trade deficit for the same month announced on Monday.

So far this year Japan has run a vivisble trade surplus of $16,500m, putting the country on target for a record $30,000m surplus this year.

Japan's export success, notably in high technology such as video tape recorders and sensitive industrial sectors as motor vehicles, has prompted anxiety in Europe and America that Japan will corner the lion's share of the benefits from economic recovery, hitting output and jobs in their domestic economies.

Japan has been a major beneficiary of the American economic revival, its exports boosted by the weakness of the yen against the sky-high dollar.

Despite its low inflation rate and strong balance of payments position, the yen has been weakned by huge captial outflows to take advantage of higher interest rates in the United States. Pressures for protection against Japanese goods have been particularly strong in a post record trade deficit of up to $70,000m this year.

Britain reschedules loans of £400m

By John Lawless

Britain has had to reschedule more than £400m in official debts owed by countries which have got into economic difficulties, the Export Credits Guarantee Department will announce shortly.

The rescheduling agreements have been negotiated in the last 11 years but five of them came in the ECGD's financial year ending in March.

The publication of the figure for the first time, although small when set against the commercial debts rescheduled by banks, will underline the growing problems faced by all state-run export insurance agencies.

The £400m relates to 16 agreements for longer repayment periods negotiated since 1972, some of which will already have been repaid. But the fact that five came into ECGD's last financial year, emphasizes the increase in cash-starved buyers of western goods.

What is more, another six countries are known to be awaiting the start of various bilatcral negotiations, having had their applications to reschedule agreed by the Paris Club.

Poland, however, is not among them. If, as now seems possible, the West recommences negotiations over Polish debt, that will only add to the burden of the ECGD and others.

ECGD's exposure in Poland has shrunk from almost £1.1bn when Nato halted rescheduling talks in protest over martial law, to about £700m.

This is by no means only accounted for by claims from British exporters. Large sums ha been wiped from its books because projects to which it had committed insurance, have been cancelled. Short-term business has also stopped.

The publication by the ECGD of names, and the sum it has rescheduled, is part of an effort to kill rumours that its activities have become a drain upon the taxpayer.

It will reveal how it is heading for the red on its commercial account – but that it still has substantial reserves in its national interest.

Dow up 3 points in moderate trading

New York (AP – Dow Jones) – Stocks held onto part of their early gains, yesterday. The Dow Jones Industrial average was up more than 3 points at the 1,197 level. It was up more than 3 in early trading.

The transportation average showed a rise of abvout 5 1-2 points.

Advancing isssues were 7-to5 over declines. Trading continued moderate although ahead of Monday's unusually slow pace.

International Business Machines was 118 3-4, off 1-4; General Electric 49 3-8, up 1-2; General Motors 68 3-8, up 1-4;

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Monsanto 106 3-4, off 1-4; Warner Lambert 27 3-4, up 5-8; Texas Instruments 114 1-2, unchanged; Caterpillar 38 7-8, off 1-2; International Paper 54 1-8, off 5-8; and Motoria 128 5-8, up 3-8.

Halliburton was off 7-8, at 43 5-8; Tymshare down 1 1-8, to 21 7-8; Times-Mirror up 1 1-4, at 77 1-2; Simmonds Precision up 2 1-4, to 53; Katy Industries off 7-8, at 21 7-8; Southern Pacific up 1 1-4, to 39 3-4; Digital Equipment up 2 3-8 to 98 1-2.

Panel to study two more complaints about BPCC

By Andrew Cornelius

Fresh complaints about the tactics used by British Printing & Communication Corporation in its takeover fight with John Waddington were lodged with the Takeover Panel yesterday.

The Panel was given details of two more instances where callers allegedly claiming to represent BPCC telephoned Waddington shareholders saying that BPCC had a higher percentage of bid acceptances than was the true figure. This brings the total number of cases being investigated by the Panel to five.

Mr John Hignett, director-general of the Panel, said that the Panel is still waiting for written evidence from the Waddington shareholders who claim to have been called by BPCC representatives in the last stages of the company's £18m takeover bid for Waddington.

A decision is likely today on whether to call a full meeting of the Panel to examine the allegations. If proved, they would constitute a serious breach of takeover rules governing declarations on acceptances during a bid.

The shareholders who claim to have been called by BPCC representatives include Mrs Jane Whatley, a lawyer living in Yorkshire, and Mrs Ruth Bowes, wife of Mr Christopher Bowes, finance director at Waddington.

Representatives from Henry Ansbacher, BPCC merchant bank adviser, and Kleinwoert Benson, which is advising Waddingon on the bid, have already given evidence to the Panel.

BPCC has extended its takeover offer until a week today. Details of acceptances were unclear last night.

KCA sale upsets meeting

By Wayne Lintott

Shareholders of KCA International, the oil exploration and services group, have expressed bitter disappointment over the price the company received from the management buy-out of its majority stake in the KCA Drilling subsidiary.

At yesterday's extraordinary general meeting to pass the sale, dissident shareholders were quick to remind directors that they had recommended the purchase of Drilling shares at 95p when a 25 per cent minority was floated off two years ago. The parent company was now selling the remaining stock at 37p a share.

Mr Paul Bristol, chairman and chief executive, spoke in favour of the deal, but, becoming angry, passed over board respnse to his merchant bankers and fellow directors.

Wondered

The shareholders wondered why, if Drilling had such a good future and was going to be supported by the Chemical Bank, KCA needed to sell it at such a price and why it could not shelve the sale for later when perhaps it would be more profitable.

Contradiction claims made recently by Chemical Bank, Mr Bristol said that the Drilling subsidiary had been draining the group of cash and had starved the other divisions of working capital.

The Chemical Bank, whose idea it was to separate the two and which had promised Drilling substantial financial support, claimed KCA International was draining off funds generated by Drilling thus preventing its profitable expansion.

Mr Bristol claimed the time to do a deal was now and that anything could happen – "The drill rigs could get blown up" – to complicate it later. He also claimed that Drilling's cash needs were mainly responsible for group gearing rising to 130 per cent of shareholders' funds, which was "totally unacceptable", and that this deal reduced gearing to 10 per cent.

Controversy then moved on to a £6.7m loan note being the balance owed to KCA International for the management buy-out after a £15m cash payment. Mr Bristol argued the note was worthwhile for two reasons. It generated 9 per cent interest per annum and could be converted into 18 million Drilling shares – 23 per cent of Drilling equity – at anytime over the next seven years at 37 per cent or if the Drilling share price hit 75p for a week or more.

Unimpressed

The dissident shareholders, though were unimpressed. They doubted its security as the Chemical Bank had first charge over the most valuable Drilling assets and if the directors felt the Drilling share price might hit 75p or more in the future why did they wait until then to sell it and get 75p for all 60 million shares.

The resolution was passed with 1,500 voting in favour and more than 100 against.

Weir dividend is cut as rescue rules bite

By Jeremy Warner

Weir Group, the Glasgow engineering company, has been forced to cut its inerim dividend by a half to 0.375p after pretax profits in the first six months of the year slipped by £1.4m to £2.2m.

The 0.375p per share is the maximum the company can pay under aricles of association imposed by the banks and shareholders involved in a £16m financial resue two and a half years ago.

The articles, which are designed to offer the maximum protection for those who provided money during the rescue state that any ordinary dividend must be at least twice covered by available earnings.

Lord Weir, the group chairman, hinted that the company might have paid more but for the restriction. "The reduction purely reflects the requirment in our articles of association," he said.

"What we might have paid but for this is a bit of an academic question. The constraint is there so we could not give consideration to a higher payment".

The final dividend looks likely to suffer the same fate since in order to maintain the amount paid last year, the group must make pretax profits of at least £5.6m.

The company said that results during the second half are expected to be generally similar to those of the first which would indicate a full year profit of no more than £4.4m against £7.6m last time.

On the stock market, Weir's share price fell to a year's low of 27p. It later recovered to close 4p down on the day at 30p.

The six-month profits were struck after taking account of the £1.2m cost of transferring pump manufacturer from Alloa, in Scotland's Central region, and concentrating it at the Cathcart plant of Weir Pumps in Glasgow – a move that involved the loss of a further 430 jobs in the pumps division.

Profits were also affected by the lower contribution of associates from £1.6m tp £436,000. This was caused largely by Pump Services Centres, which has been badly affected by a lack of orders from the Middle East oil industry. It slipped into losses.

Lord Weir: dividend payments restricted

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Sotheby's decision due soon

By Philip Robinson

A government decision is expected within a fortnight on whether Mr Alfred Taubman, an American millionaire, may buy Sotheby Parke Bernet, the world's largest auction house.

Mr Taubman, who ranks among America's richest men, plans to pay £83m for the auctioneers. He has bought out his opposition, fellow Americans Mr Marshall Cogan and Mr Stephen Swid, who opened the bidding for Sotheby's.

Both takeovers are being investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. But the commission has concentrated on Mr Taubman since Messrs Swid and Cogan said they would sell their shares to Mr Taubman if he was allowed to buy Sotheby's.

Sotheby's financial year ends today. At the half-way stage, reported in July, it had cut losses from £1.5m to £651,000 and was forecasting a £4m pretax profit for the whole year on a turnover unchanged at about £272m.

That would indicate a £7m turnround – the group lost £3m for the year to August 1982 – and analysts suggest the company is capable of £10m profits. Last night the shares eased 2p to 662p.

City Editor's Comment

Slippery slope to oil agreement

Stability in currency and commodity markets is something always generally agreed as a good idea. But it is much harder to get great nation's to agree on the compromises of their self-interest necessary to secure practical deals.

The results are there for all to see, not just on the foreign exchanges but also in the deceptively sharp rises in the dollar prices of most commodities this year. Individually, these are not enough to worry economic managers.

Collectively, they threaten most economies of the world with an upsetting source of inflation. After all, weak commodity prices have helped cut inflation, as well as bankrupting developing countries over the past three years.

Apart from the price of money, the price of oil is now the most important for the world economy. So there must be considerable interest if the French are taking serious steps to organize a meeting of oil producers and consumers to thrash out future prices.

There are two main obstacles to any such agreement. First, they do not work. Second, the state of the market seems always to one side's advantage, making it unsympathetic to what it sees as the other side trying to protect itself from market forces.

Yet there are now at least outside hopes for progress on an oil 'deal. Most commodity agreements fail because there is no effective export control agreement on the part of producers, because there is not enough money committed to stabilize market prices or because swing countries that are both producers and consumers or like the US have huge stockpiles, do not care to respond to market signals.

For once the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is now showing itself capable of efficiently organizing export quotas, though it remains to be seen how long this will last.

As for the swing countries, the position is more confused. Britain's energy department, when under Mr Nigel Lawson, the present Chancellor, made a striking about-face at the last London conference of Opec, coming out in favour of stable markets rather than smashing the Opec cartel when it was groggy.

The US, unfortunately, does not yet seem to have reached this new state of realism. And as the Administration has recently pulled out of two established, if unsuccessful, agreements on other commodities, there is now reason to look for enthusiasm from that source, however much the Germans, Japanese, the Saudis and now some more recalcitrant oil producers may want to deal.

Henderson waits for OECD call

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, once known familiarly as the Treasury in exile, has a peculiar fondness for British economists, and one that does not seem to have been dampened one whit by the comparative failure of the British economy to perform.

Within the next week or so the OECD is expected to announce the appointment of Professor David Henderson, who at present holds the chair of political economy, at University College, London, as the next head of its economic and statistics section, to succeed Mrs Sylvia Ostry who is returning to Canadian government service.

Mrs Ostry is the only recent exception to a virtuallly unbroken line of British economists stretching back to the foundation of the OECD after the War, including three who subsequently went on to be chief economic advisers tot the Treasury. But Professor Henderson – an economic "centist" in the keynsian-monetarist debate – is in a rather differnetn mould to most of his predecessors.

For one thing, his primary interests have been in micro rather than in macro economic problems. Could the OECD's traditional – and now highly politically sensitive – preoccupation with macro-economic policy be due for demotion?

Sweden seeks record loan

Sweden is raising £250m through the largest sterling syndincated loan ever, the agent bank Samuel Montagu & Company said.

The deal calls for a six-year, non-callable loan with options to extend it up to 12 years. At the end of three and six years, lenders have the option to extend the life of the loan to nine and 12 years, respectively. Lenders will receive a 0.12 per cent fee for the first extension and a 0.25 per cent fee for the second.

For the first two years, the loan will be priced at 0.38 per cent over the London interbank offered rate for one, three or six-month sterling deposits at the borrowers choice. The spread will rise to 0.50 per cent over Libor for the duration of the loan.

Sweden will draw 50 per cent of the loan within 60 days of signing, set for mid-October. The remaining half will be a revolving credit for two years with an annual commitment fee of 0.25 per cent.

IN BRIEF

● **General Oriental**, the Hongkong registered company controlled by Sir James Goldsmith, has sold the retail division of its US offshoot, Diamond International. The buyer is a US holding company, Michigan General Corporation. It is paying $120m dollars (£80m). General Oriental's shares were little changed at 505p on the news.

● Scotland's largest independant insurance brokers GT Senior have entered the London market by forming a new joint company, Senior Wright, with Lloyds brokers F E Wright UK, a wholly-owned Lonrho subsidiary.

● **Elys (Wimbledon)** the stores group, has pushed attributable profits up to £10.6m for the six-months ended July against £7.4m the year before. It will pay an unchanged 1p interim dividend on December 5.

● **Singapore Airlines (SIA)** has reported a 112.9 per cent rise in profit to Sing $47.7m (£14.9m) from its airline operations in the year ended March 31, although group profit fell 16 per cent to Sing $103m.

● **Australia's** 1983-84 wheat crop may be the second largest on record, according to estimates released by the government of agricultural economics forecasts a crop of 17.7 million metric tons, second only to the 18.1 million tons harvested in 1978-79.

Double up at Francis Parker

Francis Parker
Half-year to 30-6-83
Pretax profit £505,000 (£245,000)
Stated earnings 1.74p (0.80p)
Turnover £12.3m (£10.2m)
Net interim dividend 0.525p (0.035p)

Francis Parker, the building materials group, more than doubled its pretax profits in the first half and expects to achieve a substantial increase for the year as a whole.

The company cited the mild winter and the upturn in house building as the reason for the increase.

It is looking at various opportunities to combine its expertise in the design and manufacture of building materials such as building blocks, with property development.

Vaux buys four London pubs

Sunderland-based Vaux Breweries has paid £750,000 for four London pubs – its first in the capital. The four, including Holborn's Princess Louise, had gone into receivership.

Vaux had to top rival bids from at least two other provincial breweries which were keen to develop London operations.

The four pubs were part of a group, including three small breweries, which were at one time being groomed for a stock market share quote.

Until now Vaux had just one London outlet – the London International Hotel which it acquired two years ago from grand Metropolitan.




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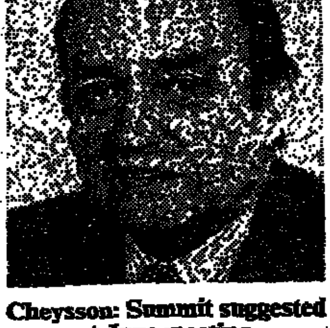
Consumer nations' differences with Opec narrow

New hopes for oil pricing accord

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

A summit of the world's oil producers and the oil consuming nations is being proposed to avoid a repeat of the confusion over prices which happened in the late 1970s.

Proposals for talks between producers and consumers which could result in a long-term pricing policy were mooted in June when the four-man monitoring committee of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries met French cabinet ministers, under the chairmanship of M Claude Cheysson, the French foreign minister.

Cheysson: Summit suggested at June meeting.

The proposed establishment of such talks fits in with the long-term strategy proposed by Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi Oil Minister, according to Petroleum Intelligence Weekly, the oil industry's influential newsheet.

Opec has suggested talks with officials of the consuming nations, but the differences between producers and consumers have always been so great that such a meeting has been rejected by governments particularly the US, which has kept Opec at arms length.

The newsheet suggests that the differences are now so narrow that talks could start and a committee of 10 "wise men" drawn from the producers and consumers could be formed before the end of the year. Diplomatic talks on the subject are likely to start early in September.

There are also reports within Opec that the US companies who buy up to 80 per cent of Saudi Arabian oil output are "irritated" by a new company set up by Saudi interest to sell oil on the spot-market.

Previously, oil which was not sold to the US ARAMCO consortium was marketed through Petromin, Saudi State oil company.

Now there is evidence that 10 per cent of Saudia output is appearing on the spot-market when Saudi output is running at 500,000 barrels a day above its Opec agreed quota of 5 million.

A new company, Norbec, with its head office in Switzerland and sales representatives in London, Houston and Hongkong, are selling Saudi crude directly to refineries.

The sales by-pass those handled by the Aramco members, Exxon, Texaco, Mobil and Standard Oil, but are not offered to any of the consortium existing outlets.

An Aramco spokesman said that the creation of the new company was directed against the consortium.

Opec officials suggest that the setting up of Norbec was a result of Aramco cutting purchases of Saudi oil last winter when the Saudi state oil agency refused to take part in the discounting which was then taking place.

Oil industry analysts say the Saudis feel that Aramco should have continued to buy from them at previous levels, particularly as in 1981 Saudi prices remained stable when others rose.

● In London it has been suggested that the high-technology jargon used in the oil industry should be rewritten so that people outside the industry can understand the significance of oil discovery announcements and reserves quoted by producing countries.

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Forecasts cut as Ladbroke weighs in light

Ladbroke Group
Half-year to 28.6.83
Pretax profit £16.1m (£13.4m)
Stated earnings 7.2p (7.4p)
Turnover £371.6m (£353.4m)
Net interim dividend 4.07p (3.7p)
Share price 214p, down 11p. Yield 5.6

Ladbroke is a favourite leisure stock, but after profits failed to reach the anticipated £18m forecasts for the year were downgraded to the £37m-£40m range.

Caution about the future was compounded by the unexpected doubling of the tax charge to £5.6m. It had been expected to continue at about 20 per cent.

On the retail betting side, operations benefited from firmer margins which gave a boost to its profits contribution even though the business is not intrinsically a high margin one.

Margins have been firmed by hard going on the racecourses which tends to help the favourites and to lead to higher rates of withdrawals by outsiders. Moreover, market share has been growing; Ladbroke claims more than 17 per cent of the British market through its 1,250 shops. It also has hopes of persuading more US states to legalize off-course betting.

Ladbroke is claiming higher tariffs and higher occupancy rates for its hotels. This suggests an encouraging trend towards heavier business use among the provincial hotels though actual charges rather than published tariffs probaly still show discounts.

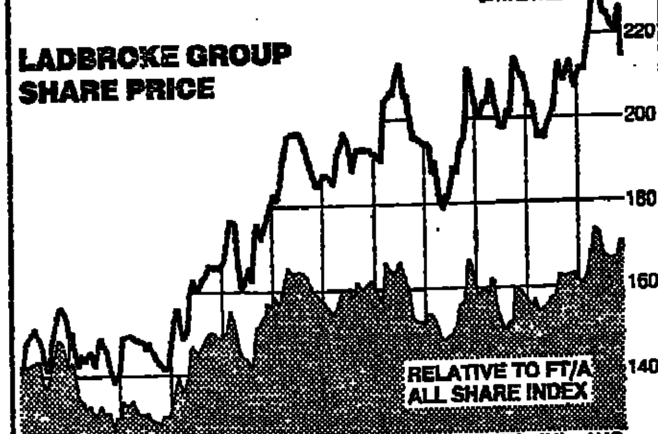
London hotels have benefited from more foreign tourists and a weaker pound, factors which have helped both occupancy and tariffs.

Lasky's – the electrical retailers – has benefited greatly from Ladbroke's cash backing which has attracted back the big Japanese names which had previously abandoned the chain.

The property sector has seen a welcome improvement in the market climate, especially for the hard-hit British industrial propery sector. In the US the Westchester development's third building has gone under offer, which means the development's first phase is fully let.

However, the acid test for Ladbroke's property business will come early next year when the prestige Savoy and Piccadilly redevelopments in London go on the market.

Ladbroke remains the strongest leisure group but there is a price for everything and with a prospective PE of about 12 for the full year it is beginning to look expensive.



Weir Group

Weir Group
Half-year to 1.7.83
Pretax profit £2.2m (£3.6m)
Stated earnings 0.9p (5p)
Turnover £60.8m (£67.4m)
Net interim dividend 0.375p (0.75p)
Share price 30p down 4p. Yield 6.3%

Weir Group was put on a sounder financial footing by the rescue two-and-a-half years ago, but the 50 per cent cut in the interim divident shows how long the shareholders will have to wait.

Under articles of association put into force when the £16m refinancing was arranged the group must earn at least twice as much as the cost of ordinary dividends. The preference dividends make the task that much harder.

The company will clearly have a monumental task to maintain the final dividend. Current trading is slow, and because losses at home cannot be set against overseas profits, the likely tax charge is 50 per cent.

At half way, pretax profits were £1.4m lower at £2.2m. To come near maintaining last year's dividend under the twice-covered formula, the group must make pretax profits of £5.6m against £7.6m last time. But Weir says gloomily that the second half is expected to be similar to the first.

The profit is mainly in the associated companies where Pump Services Centres has dipped into the red because of the recession in the Middle East oil industry.

Weir Pumps is also making lower pretax profits because of the rationalization programme at Alloa, Clackmannanshire, where 430 jobs are being lost. That will cost the group £1.2m above the line this year.

Weir Group is often used as a showcase of how financial reconstruction can save a basically sound company from receivership.

It has also now shown that, considering the depth and persistence of recession, there are going to be quite a few hiccups along the path that leads from financial rescue.

The 4p fall in the share price to 30p demonstrates how rough will be the ride for the ordinary shareholders. If anything, the rating may be a little on the generous side.

CRA

CRA
Half-year to 30.6.83
Net Profit A$22m (A$29.2m loss)
Stated earnings 5.1 cents (6.7 cents)
Turnover A$1,530m (A$903m)
Net interim dividend 3 cents
Share price 348p Yield
Dividend payable 3.11.83

It is a sobering thought that CRA, in which Rio Tinto-Zinc has a 53 per cent stake is one of Australia's biggest companies but for years has made a pitiful return on assets.

The return to profits after a lean period will undoubtedly vindicate the faith shareholders and the market have shown in CRA, and will be equally welcome in St James's Square, but they do not change by one iota the underlaying problem.

CRA is a kind of musclebound giant. It has huge assets, but has a hard job turning them into profits. To some extent, of dourse, this is not the company's fault. Mineral prices have plagued all mining groups, even though quickening of the American economy, to which Australian natural resource companies are finely tuned, has brought some relief. As luck would have it however, coal, iron ore and lead are still resisting the upward trend in prices.

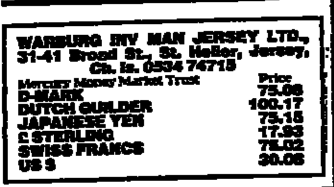
CRA has also had to grapple with high interest rates and a somewhat perverse currency policy. Some benefit has been derived from rates being lower than last year, although still fairly high in real terms, but the gain from the 10 per cent devaluation of the Australian dollar in March have largely been eroded by the subsequent renewed appreciation. Against that, the weaker Papua/New Guinea kina inflated receipts from Bougainville.

But when all is said and done, a company like CRA has to live with such difficulties, and what really matters is the demand outlook.

In common with other mining companies, CRA is highly geared to changes in demand, particularly if they come with price movements. It is promising, therefore, that sales in this half were A$1,530m (£900m), compared with A$903m, or A$1,270m if Comalco is included as a subsidiary, which it now is, rather than an associate.

Ironically, Comalco was one of the handful of subsidiaries and associates – the others being Kembla Coal and Coket – which did not improve their results. So the final earnings per share figure would have been higher had it not been for the tax provision of A$113m being A$42.6m more than expected.

CRA should manage at least A$50m for the year, and could do much better. Yet that would be less than 1.5 per cent of sales. There is still a long way to go before the giant's muscles are well used.



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D-MARK	75.08
DUTCH GUILDER	100.17
JAPANESE YEN	75.15
£ STERLING	17.93
SWISS FRANCS	75.02
US $	30.06

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9½	%
Barclays	9½	%
BCCI	9½	%
Citibank Savings	†10¾	%
Consolidated Crds	9½	%
C. Hoare & Co	*9½	%
Lloyds Bank	9½	%
Midland Bank	9½	%
Nat Westminster	9½	%
TSB	9½	%
Williams & Glyn's	9½	%

† Mortgage Base Rate.
* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6%: £10,000 up to £50,000, 7%: £50,000 and over, 8%.

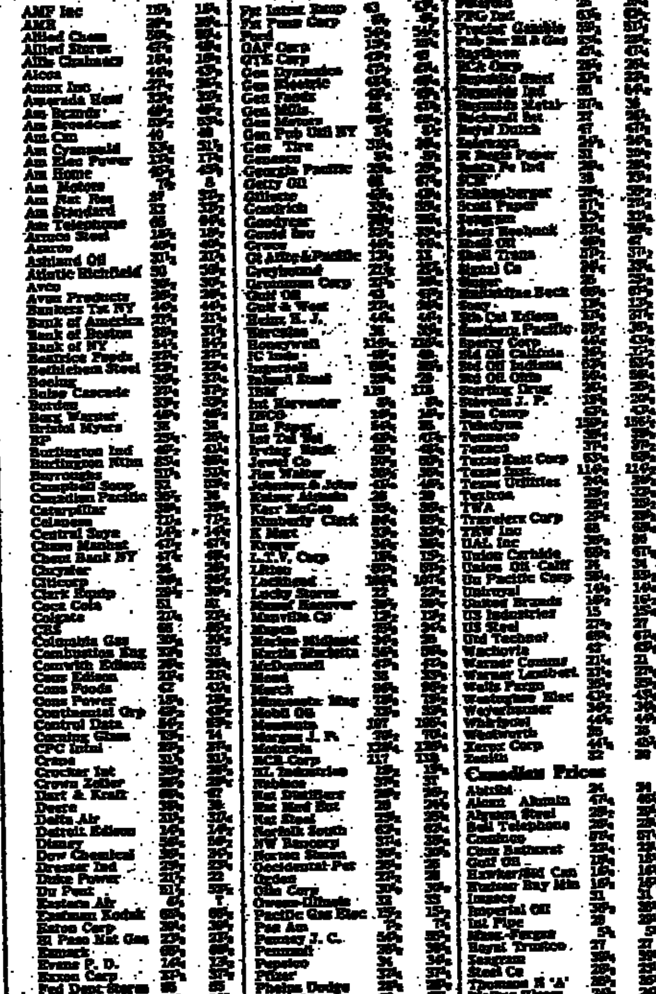
WALL STREET

Signor Carlo De Benedetti has been appointed chairman of Olivetti, the Italian elecronics and office equipment company which is to seek a New York stock exchange listing next year.

He replaces Signor Bruno Visentin, who has resigned after his appointment as Finance Minister in the new Italian Government. Signor Visentini, at the head of Olivetti for 19 years, is also president of the small Rupublican party.

The board, meeting at Ivrea near Turin, announced that during the first six months of this year turnover of the parent company rose by 18.6 per cent on a 12 months basis to 860.9bn lire (£360m), while that of the group rose by 11.7 per cent to L1,636bn (£684m). New orders acquired by the group in the first half of this year increased by 9.5 per cent.

Signor De Benedetti, hitherto vice-chairman and chief executive, has announced in Britain and the United States that Olivetti will shortly launch an offshore-based venture capital fund, to which other European and foreign partners are being invited to subscribe.



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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric ton.

COFFEE	
Sep	1727-1726
Nov	1711-1709
Jan	1691-1690
mch	1650-1648
May	1624-1622
July	1601-1585
Sep	1590-1585
Vol:	2317
Tone: Steady	

SUGAR	
Oct	172.75
Dec	181.75
Mch	194.00-93.75
May	199.30-99.20
Vol:	2076
Tone: Steady	

COCOA	
Oct	1481-77
Dec	1514-13
Mar	1520-19
May	1532-31
July	1543-41
Sep	1556-49
Dec	1570-55
Vol:	3778
Tone: Steady.	

RUBBER	
Oct	800-83
Nov	798-82
Oct/Dec	784-82
Jan/Mar	806-08
April/Jan	825-24
Jan/Sept	845-44
Oct/Dec	864-63
Jan/March	884-82
April/Jan	903-97
Vol:	13
Tone: Idle.	

GASOIL	
Aug	254-56
Sep	258-58.25
Oct	261-61.25
Nov	264-64.50
Dec	266.25-66.50
Jan	265.5-65.75
Feb	261.5-63.0
Mch	259-60.25
Vol:	1560
Tone: Steady.	

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices: Official turnover figures.
Prices in pounds per metric ton Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	1066-67
Three months	1093.5-94
T/O	12,100
Tone: Steadier.	
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	1035.5-37
Three months	1062-63
T/O	700
Tone: Quiet.	
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	8520-25
Three months	8651-53
T/O:	715
Tone: Very firm.	
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	8525-35
Three months	8655-6
T/O:	nil.
Tone: Idle.	
LEAD	
Cash	263.5-64
Three months	273.5-73.75
T/O:	10450
Tone: Steady.	
ZINC	
Cash	576-77
Three months	592-93
T/O:	5550
Tone: Firmer.	
SILVER	
Cash	811.5-12.5
Three months	832.5-33
T/O:	37
Tone: Quiet.	
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	1100.5-01.5
Three months	1129.5-30
T/O:	6550
Tone: Steady.	
NICKEL	
Cash	3327-30
Three months	3418-19
T/O:	648
Tone: Very firm.	

LONDON GOLD ...RES MARKET
In US $ per oz.

Sep	418.00-420.00
Oct	421.70-422.10
Nov	425.00-426.00
Dec	429.30-429.40
Jan	431.20-433.20
Feb	436.80-437.00
Mar	440.00-441.60

Tone: Quiet. Volume: 466.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES
Rudolf Wolff Financial Services Ltd.

Month	Volume	Settlement
YEN		
Sept	4	4063
Dec	11	4099
Mar'84	–	–
Comment: Quit.		
STERLING		
Sept	98	14975
Dec	103	15000
Mar'84	–	15020
Comment: static.		
D-MARK		
Sept	10	3723
Dec	111	3762
Mar'84	–	3801
Comment: Weaker.		
SWISS FRANC		
Sept	1	4692
Dec	15	4662
Mar'84	–	–
Comment: Slipping.		
EURODOLLARS		
Sept	345	8975
Dec	1629	8916
Mar'84	36	8887
June'84	17	8868
Sep'84	–	8843
Comment: Easier.		
SHORT STERLING		
Sept	242	9025
Dec	318	8982
Mar'84	21	8948
June'84	–	8911
Sep'84	–	8900
Comment: Neglected.		
GILTS		
Sept	2111	10103
Dec	318	10502
Mar'84	–	10222
June'84	–	10208
Sept'84	–	10126
Comment: Weak.		

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 30:
GB: Cattle. 94.10p per kg lw (+1.36).
GB: Sheep. 112.87p per kg est d c w (-3.25).
GB: Pigs. 67.49p per kg lw (+1.12).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 1.7 per cent. ave. price. 93.41p (+0.62).
Sheep nos. up 28.6 per cent. ave. price. 113.70p (-4.33).
Pig nos. up 7.3 per cent. ave. price. 66.91p (+1.32).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 16.6 per cent. ave. price. 96.88p (+4.28).
Sheep nos. up 9.4 per cent. ave. price. 110.30p (-0.82).
Pig nos. up 0.2 per cent. ave. price. 71.91p (-0.01).

London Grain Futures Market

Month	WHEAT Close	BARLEY Close
Sep	£125.60	115.60
Nov	£125.85	119.00
Jan	£128.35	122.45
Mar	£131.10	125.15
May	£133.85	127.80
Jly	£137.10	–

Total lots traded
Wheat: 139
Barley: 186

● Volkswagen Group has reported an after tax loss of Dm 147m (£37.5m) in the first half of 1983 compared with Dm 63m profit in the same period last year.

● The Danish company Novo has received approval by the US Food and Drug Administration to begin marketing human insulin in the USA.

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1982/83 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
32.6	33.5	Gilt & F Int	30.4	32.0e	..
49.2	36.1	Income Dist	48.6	51.2	6.81
87.6	58.5	Do Accum	86.7	91.2	6.81
212.7	185.6	Money Fnd	..	213.7	..
221.5	157.9	Acturial Fund	..	219.6	..
188.3	142.6	Gilt Edged	..	184.3	..
350.1	304.0	Ret Annuity (37)	..	350.1	..
196.0	182.5	Immed Ann (33)	..	193.0	..
280.4	148.0	International	..	267.5	..
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Victims of the world recession – 1: Andrew Cornelius examines the truck industry

Producers still search for turning point

Mr Les Wharton, the newly appointed managing director of Leyland Trucks, sent a shudder through Britain's troubled truck industry when he announced that the company "is literally fighting for survival."

Two years ago, when Britain's truck market collapsed by half, such remarks were almost commonplace. But 1983 was supposed to be the year when world truckmakers came back from recession.

Instead the world is set to produce fewer trucks than at any time in the past 40 years. Leyland Trucks, which still ranks among the top 20 producers despite savage cutbacks, is expecting to make losses far bigger than last year's £59m.

Mr Wharton said that in retrospect last year's radical survival plan, which involved cutting the workforce by one third to today's 9,700 employees, was "not radical enough".

Throughout the industry the story is much the same. Bedford Trucks, part of the mighty General Motors, is operating at 40 per cent capacity in Britain despite cutting its workforce by one third to 10,000 people.

The Foden truck business in Sandbach, Cheshire was saved from collapse when Paccar, an American manufacturer of Kennorth trucks, took control. But Foden, and its near neighbour ERF, have survived the recession only by desperately cutting capacity. Seddon Atkinson is also up for sale as part of the attempt by International Harvester, its American parent, to pull out of the fiercely competitive European market.

Mr John Lawson, a truck industry expert at DRI Europe, the London-based forecasting and consultancy company says that only five European manufacturers can claim to be making profits from their truck operations: Volvo and Scania, in Sweden, Daimler-Benz in West Germany, Iveco in Italy and ERF, which had just returned to profit after three years of recession.

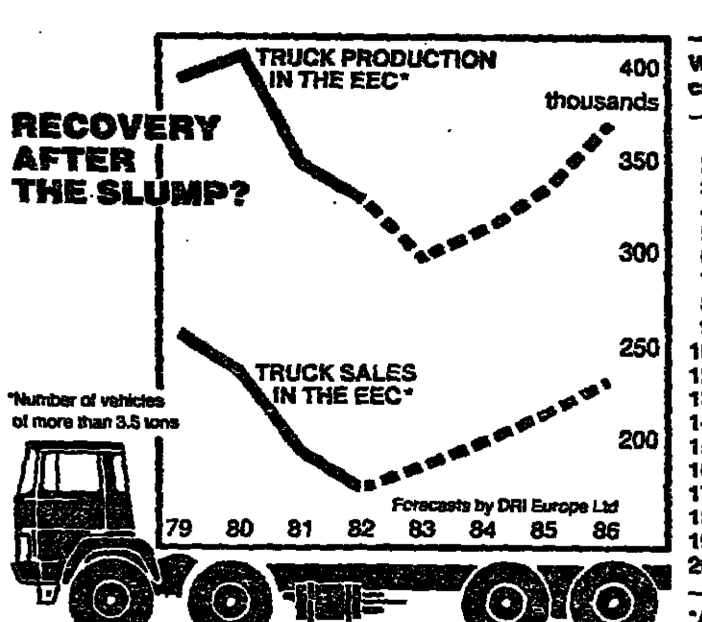
Mr Lawson forecasts that four of Europe's 16 independent truckmakers are likely to disappear before world truck markets improve. According to DRI's latest forecasts, it could be 1986 before demand returns to the heady levels of the 1970's.

Forecasters at the Bedford truck company hope for a return to the sales level of the late 1970s by 1987, when they are looking for a world market of 11 million vehicles outside America.

The problem for all the world's truck manufacturers is going to be how to survive in the meantime. "If too much capacity continues to chase too few orders then you can guarantee that some companies will go broke," says Mr J. T. Battenberg the new head of the Bedford business.

Competition in the industry has intensified in the past six months mainly because the Swedish and West German manufacturers which successfully rode the post-1979 recession are now running into trouble.

Unlike British manufacturers, which were caught by a combination of falling home demand caused by recession and the impossible task of making inroads into export markets because of a strong pound, Volvo, Scania Daimler-Benz and the Bavarian-based MAN were able to counter falling home demand by sales abroad.



Production figures for five major producer countries: France, West Germany, Italy, UK and Netherlands. Sales figures for these countries plus Belgium.

The strong pound, bolstered by North Sea oil revenues, put British exporters at a 30 per cent price disadvantatge compared with their European rivals in the dismal sales years of 1980-82. Strong markets like the Middle East and Africa disappeared as the rest of Europe used its price advantage to boost sales.

The West German manufacturers did particularly well from sales to Iraq, which were helped by the closure of the Gulf port in 1981, making it necessary to transport supplies overland.

Demand created by the Iran/Iraq war also helped to swell sales at a time when other world markets were collapsing.

Renault, in France, missed this boom, like British companies, because it was boycotted by the Arab League countries.

The sales climate was worsened by the gradual emergence of Japanese truck companies, like Hino, in world markets. Much of the competition from Japan came in the light van sector, but increasingly Japanese companies entered European and Third World markets.

World's top twenty commercial vehicle producers (1981)

1	Japan	4,206,000*
2	USA	1,701,000
3	USSR	874,000
4	Canada	520,0000
5	France	408,000
6	Brazil	374,000
7	West Germany	319,000
8	UK	230,000
9	Spain	132,000
10	Poland	99,000
12	India	90,000
13	South Korea	64,000
14	Sweden	55,000
15	Czechoslovakia	46,000
16	Belgium	41,000
17	Australia	40,000
18	Argentina	33,000
19	Yugoslavia	27,000
20	Netherlands	12,000

*All commercial vehicle units including light vans but not three-wheelers

The worst year for UK truck companies was 1981, with production falling by 40 per cent to 230,000 vehicles. Savage cuts in capacity came after, but have never been matched by their overseas rivals. Daimler-Benz still boasts that it has avoided any layoffs, while Volvo and Scania have managed by switching workers to in-house manufacture of components previously bought from outside suppliers.

The scene changed drastically last year. Although West German manufacturers were helped by a quick resurgence from recession in the home economy, exports markets collapsed.

Falling oil revenues and debt problems in Third World countries combined to put an end to the export sales boom which had helped the European companies survive. Exports to Nigeria, for instance, are down by 40 per cent compared with a year ago. Bedford, which used to export 6,000 vehicles a year there, is now selling about 1,600. Leyland traditionally sold 2,500 trucks a year and now sells 100.

Mr Battenberg says: "The Nigerian market is still buoyant. The problem is how you get money out of the place."

The only sizable deals in the traditional overseas markets are huge one-off fleet purchases which are agreed at suicidal prices for manufacturers.

The same pricing system is rife in Britain, now a target for European companies which are overloaded with capacity. Thousands of trucks are stockpiled in Britain with buyers refusing to conclude any deal unless a substantial discount is offered.

DRI Europe was looking for a strong resurgence of British demand this year, but has downgraded its forecasts. He now expects sales for heavy trucks (over 3.5 tonnes) of about 48,000, up slightly from last year's 45,000 units.

Truckmakers have responded to weak demand by joining forces. General Motors has announced a new worldwide truck and bus group which will produce products to be sold anywhere in the world.

An indication of this strategy in Europe is the decision to establish Bedford as a British division of the new global organization.

A £70m investment in a new lightweight van is the first sign of the strategy beginning to take shape in Britain. Further investments in heavy trucks will follow.

Mr Battenberg says: "We are now dedicated truckers. We no longer have to compete for resources locally with the Vauxhall car operation."

Bedford this year considered taking over the Seddon business to bolster its share of the heavy end of the market. It is rumoured that Bedford has turned its attentions to MAN in West Germany, which is also thought to carry an unofficial "for sale" tag.

Seddon now stands a good chance of linking with Pegaso, the Spanish truck combine, while ERF is moving closer to Hino in Japan.

The European truckmakers, ever mindful of the potential offered by new markets, are looking increasingly towards America, which has traditionally been closed to outsiders because of the different truck styles demanded there.

Renault now has a 45 per cent stake in Mack, the American truck company, while Daimler-Benz and Volvo are trying to boost export sales to America. Component manufacture links are already firmly established. Iveco, based in Italy, has struck deals with Rockwell and Eaton axles, while Leyland is collaborating with Cummins to produce a new truck diesel engine.

And despite the dismal short-term prospects for sales the leading companies in the industry are determined to continue the battle for survival until the market returns.

At Leyland Mr Wharton says: "I did not move to Leyland Trucks to close it down. I am committed to striving to create a viable long-term business."

While Mr Battenberg says: "Right now we have put £70m where our mouth is." He says that Bedford is determined to go after a growing share of the world market for trucks.

Mr Battenberg suggests that in a few years the biggest problem facing the industry could be a shortage of capacity if too much plant is closed now. The big gamble facing manufacturers is how long they can afford to keep plants open when demand and prices make running a truck company so unprofitable.

Akzo nv Registered Office at Arnhem

Report for the 1st half year 1983

Akzo

Consolidated statement of income	2nd quarter 1983	2nd quarter 1982	1st half year 1983	1st half year 1982
in Hfl million				
Sales	3,760.2	3,591.7	7,377.3	7,301.7
Operating costs excluding depreciation	(3,425.9)	(3,323.9)	(6,776.6)	(6,776.9)
Depreciation	(134.1)	(133.7)	(264.5)	(264.0)
Operating income	200.2	134.1	336.2	260.8
Interest	(80.1)	(72.7)	(159.0)	(154.9)
Operating income less interest	120.1	61.4	177.2	105.9
Taxes on operating income less interest	(14.5)	(13.5)	(16.5)	(27.7)
Equity in earnings of nonconsolidated companies	25.3	15.8	40.8	23.5
Extraordinary items	(14.6)	1.2	(26.1)	(3.9)
Group income	116.3	64.9	175.4	97.8
of which minority interest	(0.7)	(5.8)	(3.0)	(12.8)
Net income	115.6	59.1	172.4	85.0
Net income per common share of Hfl 20, in guilders	3.52	1.99	5.25	2.87
Common stock	656.7	591.9	656.7	591.9

Sales and income
Sales for the 2nd quarter of 1983 were 5% higher than in the prior year so that the shortfall which developed in the 1st quarter was more than compensated.
Operating income in the 2nd quarter was on a much improved level. At Hfl 336 million, operating income for the 1st half of 1983 was up 29% on last year. All six product groups contributed to the higher earnings figure. Market conditions improved for a number of products, notably in the United States. Additionally there was the positive effect of the cost-cutting measures adopted in previous years.
At Hfl 172 million, net income for the 1st half of 1983 doubled compared with the same period last year. The net income figure was boosted by a portion of earnings being included without a deduction for taxes, as an offset for noncompensated losses accrued in prior years.

While operating income from *man-made fibers* in the 1st half of 1983 topped last year's figure, the level of earnings remained unsatisfactory.
In the 2nd quarter, American Enka profited by the recovery of the U.S. fiber market; the company thus was back in the black as regards operating income for the 1st half of 1983. In the 2nd quarter implementation was begun of a comprehensive restructuring program designed to achieve better profitability.
The European fiber market is not so far showing any clear signs of a recovery.
Polyenka (Brazil) reported significantly lower income for the 1st half of 1983 as compared with last year.

Chemical products did much better in the 2nd quarter than in the same period of 1982.
Operating income for the 1st half of 1983 is distinctly higher than last year. In the case of Akzo Zout Chemie there is some evidence of a recovery even if the present earnings level is still far from adequate. Much of the improvement is attributable to a firming of the VCM/PVC market. In the 2nd quarter, the new Rotterdam membrane electrolysis plant, built at a capital cost of approximately Hfl 320 million, went on stream without a hitch.
Earnings from Akzo Chemie's and Armak's speciality chemicals advanced considerably; among other factors, this was due to a concerted effort to improve the fatty amine business and to brisk demand for the new generation of cracking catalysts developed by Akzo Chemie.

Sales and earnings of *coatings* in the 1st half of 1983 were well ahead of last year's figure, due in part to the contribution made by Wyandotte, the U.S. paints company acquired in 1983.

Pharmaceuticals continued to develop favorably, with products making a significant contribution.

Sales of *consumer products* in the 1st half of 1983 remained stationary on last year's level. Income was up; however.
In the field of *miscellaneous products*, satisfactory performances were turned in by Colbond (nonwovens), dialysis membranes, and Akzo Plastics - all three of them Enka activities. Akzona achieved an agreement of principle on the sale of Brand-Rex (electrical and electronic wire and cable products/systems).

Capital expenditures; financing
Expenditures for property, plant and equipment in the 1st half of 1983 totaled Hfl 289 million (versus Hfl 340 million last year).
In May 1983, Akzo issued 2,959,358 shares of common stock, with subscription rights for stockholders, at a price of Hfl 53.50 per share; this issue brought in Hfl 158 million in funds. For every new share a warrant was made available which entitles the holder until November 30, 1984 to purchase a common share at a price of Hfl 60.
The balance sheet at June 30, 1983 printed below shows that liquidity is ample and that Group equity increased substantially since December 31, 1982 as a result of the stock issue and the company's earnings performance in the 1st half of 1983.

Personnel
Since December 31, 1982, the number of employees decreased by 2,200 to 71,500 at June 30, 1983. Enka's labor force was down by 1,800, with 1,000 of that number attributable to the divestiture of Enka Austria.

Outlook
Given the results attained so far we anticipate that net income for the whole of 1983 will be well in excess of the 1982 figure. Net income per share will also be higher, even when allowing for dilution.

The Board of Management

Arnhem, August 1983

The breakdown of sales and operating income by product group was as follows (in Hfl million):

	Sales 2nd quarter 1983	Sales 2nd quarter 1982	Sales 1st half year 1983	Sales 1st half year 1982	Operating income 2nd quarter 1983	Operating income 2nd quarter 1982	Operating income 1st half year 1983	Operating income 1st half year 1982
man-made fibers	1,126	1,133	2,207	2,304	34	20	42	25
chemical products	932	885	1,898	1,945	33	(3)	68	36
coatings	476	421	882	793	44	35	60	48
pharmaceuticals	419	398	824	796	64	58	123	111
consumer products	268	276	532	531	16	11	28	21
miscellaneous products	560	529	1,098	1,035	21	17	35	34
	3,781	3,642	7,441	7,404	212	138	354	275
intra-Group deliveries	(21)	(50)	(64)	(102)				
non allocated costs					(12)	(4)	(18)	(14)
total	3,760	3,592	7,377	7,302	200	134	336	261

Consolidated balance sheet (condensed)

In Hfl million	June 30, 1983	Dec. 31, 1982
Property, plant and equipment	3,957	3,911
Investments in nonconsolidated companies and other noncurrent assets	539	456
Inventories	2,518	2,542
Short-term receivables and prepaid expenses	2,796	2,362
Cash and marketable securities	1,057	778
Total assets	10,867	10,069

	June 30, 1983	Dec. 31, 1982
Akzo N.V. stockholders' equity	2,807	2,488
Minority interest in Group equity	122	122
Group equity	2,929	2,610
Provisions	1,459	1,427
Long-term debt	3,055	3,059
Current liabilities	3,424	2,973
Total Group equity and liabilities	10,867	10,069
Stockholders' equity per common share of Hfl 20,- in guilders	85.47	84.06

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APPOINTMENTS

Cabinet Office policy chief rejoins Morgan Grenfell

Morgan Grenfell: Mr John Sparrow, who was director of the Central Policy Review Staff in th Cabinet Office, has rejoined the board of Morgan Grenfell Holdings, and that of Morgan Grenfell & Co.

Gibbs Sage: Mr Geoffrey G. Ludbrook will join the North American division tomorrow as a divisional director.

Eleco Holdings: Mr K. Wagner has been appointed to the board.

Engelhard Industries: Mr Charles Buckeridge, managing director, retires at the end of 1984, and has been appointed deputy chairman from tomorrow. Mr Alastair Alexander, a deputy managing director, has been made managing director.

Export GuaraNtees Advisory Council: Mr W. G. Barrett, chairman and chief executive, Midland Bank Group International Trade Services, and Mr W. Hogbin, managing director, Taylor Woodrow International, have become members of the council. Mr R. J. Dent becomes deputy chairman of the council in succession to Mr A. W. Higgins who retired last month. Mr Dent is managing director of Baring Brothers & Co and joined the council in August 1980.

The First National Bank of Boston: Mr Martin Colyer has been appointed assistant vice-president in London and has been named European manager of lease administration of the leasing division.

Rolls-Royce Motors (Motor Car Group): Mr John P Stephenson has been appointed director of product planning.

Woolwich Equitable Building Society: Miss Patricia Mann, vice-president of J Walter Thompson International and head of external affairs, J Walter Thompson Group (UK) has been made a director.

Nolton: Mr Andrew D Millar has been appointed chairman in place of Mr Lyndsay T B King who retains his appointment as a director and chief executive.

James Capel & Co: Mr R C Salmon will join the company tomorrow.

James Neill Holdings: Mr Peter B Bullock is to become group chief executive from November 7. A present, he is managing director of Flymo and joint managing director of the Electrolux Group of Companies in Britain and will be giving up these appointments. Mr J Hugh Neill who has been the executive chairman for four years, is nearing retirement and will, therefore, transfer his managerial responsibilities to Mr Bullock while continuing as chariman of the group.

The Volac Group: Dr Trevor Tomkins has become managing director of its recently incorporated subsidiary, Volac USA. Dr Tomkins will remn technical director of Volac.

Marconi Electronics: Mr Ian R. Sutherland has been appointed to the new position of chairman of the board of Marconi Electronics in the USA.

Halcrow Fox and Associates: Mr R. S. Baxter, a partner of Sir Williams Halcrow and Partners has become a non-executive director of the company. Sir Alan Muir Wood, Mr B. K. Hartshorne, and Mr D. R. Wolstenholme have ceased to be non-executive directors. Two new executive directors, Mr Peter Daly and Mr Michael Yeeles have joined the board. Mr Yeeles will continue as secretary.

South Crofty: Dr P. B. Mihalop will resign as managing director on October 31. He will be succeeded by Mr C. J. Forristal who will take up appointment as a director and general manager on November 1.

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TABLE TENNIS

Prean bicycle glue makes Waldner's waltz come unstuck

From Richard Eaton, Barbados

Carl Prean, the schoolboy from the Isle of Wight, has done it again. His opening win yesterday in the World Cup, sponsored by Three Fives, i Bridgetown, Barbados, was the best of his career – 14-21, 29-27, 21-10 against Jan-Ove Waldner, of Sweden. Prean saved four match points in a noisy and dramatic second game.

This remarkable effort now gives the England No 1, aged 16, a splendid chance of qualifying for the last eight not long after doing the same in the Norwich Union Masters. Waldner is ranked No 8 in the world and No2 in Europe. He beat Prean in straight games in the European youth final last month and, in fact, had never lost to the Englishman in five previous meetings.

This time, the Swede led 10-2 in the first game and grew fatally over-confident. Prean, who had loaded an extra dollop of bicycle glue on his bat – between the blade and the rubber – to give it a little extra speed, began to attack more effectively. This is a common practice nowadays and perfectly legal. He was particularly adept at forcing the ball down the line on the backhand just when Waldner had started to walz to the other corner of the table, the Swede believing that he could take liberties with his own forehand loop drive.

Repeated experiments proved that false. The longer the match lasted, the more Waldner tended to be imprisoned either in backhand-to-backhand rallies or in lobbing defensively. The bicycle glue helped Prean make short shrift of that.

"I could read his services," said Prean, "especially during all those deuces in the second game. I'd never been able to do that before. It was a great breakthrough for me."

Ironically, the win occurred on the day that new service laws were introduced. It had been thought that these might hamper Prean. Obviously, they did not, but they may, however, have contributed to the remarkable result of Zoran Kalinic, the Yugoslav world No 10, who won 21–15, 22–20 against the favourite Cay Zhen-hua, of China.

The referee, Albert Shipley, of England, warned both players for foul serves – Cay for twiddling the bat under the table and Kalinic for masking the bat with his body – but declined to award faults. "It's too soon to do so yet," Shipley said. "I'll award faults later."

Instead, he merely requested the players to obey the new rules. Kalinic, who followed up his service with some forceful forehand attacks, appeared to obey the request less completely than his opponent.

Later, Dragutin Surbek, now aged 37, beat the other Chinese, Jaing Jia-liang, 21–18, 19–21, 21–12, which meant that the two Yugoslavs who won the world doubles title in May had both made progress in the singles here. But the Chinese have lost group matches in the World Cup before and still qualified, and they may yet do so again.

FIRST SERIES: M Applegren (Swe) bt Park Lee Hee (S Kor), 21–23, 22–20, 21–16; C Prean (Eng) bt J Waldner (Swe), 14–21, 29–27, 21–10; D Surbek (Yugo) bt Jiang Jia-liang (China), 21–15, 19–21, 21–12; E Lindh (Swe) bt P Pinkewich (Aust), 21–10, 21–10; Kim Ki Taek (S Kor) b R Earl (Barbados), 23–21; 18–21, 21–11; E Boggan (US) bt S Esch (Fr), 21–8, 21–16; I Jonyer (Hun) bt M Alvarez (Dominican Republic), 21–18, 21–8; Z Kaluth (Yugo) bt Cay Zhen-hua (China), 21–15, 22–20.

ROWING

Sad end to career of a great warrior

From Jim Railton, Duisburg

A swirling wind on the Duisburg Wedau course helped produce a course record but gave no luck to the five British men's heavyweight crews in yesterday's repêchages of the world championships. Three British crews were eliminated from the competition altogether – the single sculler, Steve Redgrave, the double sculls, and the coxless pair. Although failing yesterday, the British coxless four and eight, by virtue of the number of entries, have at least a chance to redeem themselves somewhat in Sunday's small finals to decide seventh to twelfth places.



Baillieu: decade of medals

Britain's main setback was the failure of Chris Baillieu and John Spencer-Jones, who finished fifth and last in their repêchage, with the first three qualifying for the semi-final round. The British double were last from start to finish. Thus, apparently, ends the career of a great British warrior in 33-year-old Baillieu, who in a decade of senior international sculling has won a gold, two silver and three bronze medals.

Redgrave was a length short of qualifying for the semi-final, finishing behind the Netherlands sculler, Ronald Florijn, and the Belgian, Dirk Crois, with only two making further progress.

The British coxless pair, Hassan and Scrivener, have had a miserable championships. Hassan had a finger stitched just before Sunday's heats and on Monday Scrivener was under the weather. Yesterday, with three to qualify for the semi-final, the British pair failed by just over a length, behind the United States, France and Finland.

The men's coxless four were more than a length from qualifying for a place in the final, finishing behind West Germany and Sweden, with two to qualify.

The two eights repêchages were fierce, to say the least, with the first two crews in each moving on to Sunday's final. Last Sunday Czechoslovakia and Australia won their heats to qualify directly for the final.

The British eight tried their best but were never in the hunt. New Zealand, the world champions, took the race, with the Soviet Union in the vital second place, threequarters of a length ahead of the United States. The other repêchage qualifiers were East Germany and France.

So out of the six British heavyweight men's entries, only the coxed four, who qualified in last Sunday's heats for a semi-final berth on Friday, are left with a chance of a final place.

COXED FOURS: Repêchage (first three qualify for semi-finals): 1, West Germany, 6min 28.62sec; 2, Hungary, 6:34.29; 3 Netherlands, 6:35.12.

DOUBLE SCULLS: Repêchage (first three qualify for semi-finals): 1, Canada, 6min 29.22sec; 2, Italy, 6:32.61; 3, Austria, 6:33.51; 5, Britain (Spencer-Jones/Baillieu), 6:41.23.

COXLESS PAIRS: Repêchage (first three qualify for semi-finals): 1, US, 7min 01.68sec; 2, France, 7:08.88; 4, Britain (Scrivener/Hassan), 7:13.89.

SINGLE SCULLS: (first two in each repêchage qualify for semi-finals): First Repêchage: 1, C Wood (US), 7min 07.97sec; 2, K Bronewski (Pol), 7:22.37; 3, M Haeberlin (Switz), 7:31.12. Second: 1, T McLaren (Aus), 7min 20.57sec; 2, K Iordanov (Bul), 7:23.35; 3, P Walter (Can), 7:23.40. Third: 1, R Florijn (Neth), 7min 17.62sec; 2, D Crois (Bel), 7:19.07; 3, S Redgrave (GB), 7:21.08. Fourth: 1, A Lindroos (Fin), 7min 11.87sec; 2, A Horen (NZ), 7:17.6?; 3, K Kontomanolis (GR), 7:23.02.

COXED PAIRS: Repêchage: (first three qualify for semi-finals): 1, Switzerland, 7min 23.12sec. 2, Belgium, 7:25.10; 3, US, 7:27.98.

COXLESS FOURS: (first two in each repêchage qualify for final): First: 1, East Germany, 6min 11.48sec; 2, Czechoslovakia, 6:11.84. Second: 1, West Germany, 6min 10.87sec; 2 Sweden, 6:14.38; 3, Britain (Stanhope/Cadoux-Hudson/Clift/Bland), 6:18.64.

QUADRUPLE SCULLS: Repêchage (first three qualify for semi-finals): 1, Netherlands (ven den Earenbeemt/Rienks/Emke/Goebel), 5min 59.69sec; 2 France (Doucoux/Pellier/Fomarez/Body), 6:00.54; 3, Norway (Bjonnes/Sandbe/Thorsen/Vinje), 6:01.31.

EIGHTS: Repêchage (first two in each qualify for final): FIRST: 1, New Zealand, 5min 42.11sec; 2, Soviet Union, 5:43.72; 5, Britain, 5:54.18. Second: 1, East Germany; 2, France.

RUGBY UNION

Gateshead's new turn

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Gateshead, more used to the world paying attention to its athletics heroes, will play host to New Zealand during their eight-match tour of England and Scotland this coming season. the itinerary, announced yesterday and, in content, highly predictable, moves the touring side gradually south from Edinburgh. Their first game against an English side will be against the Nrthern Division at the home of Gateshead Fell, it being Durham's turn to stage a touring match.

The All Blacks play the two strongest Scottish district sides, Edinburgh and the South of Scotland, before moving on to the English leg of the tour. They will return to Scotland on November 12 for the first international of the tour and conclude against England on November 19 – which also coincides with the second international of the Australian tour of France.

The intinerary includes one floodlit game, at Leicester on November 8 when the New Zealanders play the Midland division. This is not a move which will appeal greatly to the visitors, who are not accustomed to playing night matches.

The tour presents England's new coach, Dick Greenwood, with an excellent opportunity to watch under testing conditions many of the players whom he has met during three summer treks round England's four divisions. He has been pleased with the response to his invitation to close-season training.

TOUR SCHEDULE: October – 25 v Edinburgh (venue to be decided); 29 v South of Scotland (Gala). November – 2 v Northern Division (Gateshead); 5 v London Division (Twickenham); 8 v Midland Division (Leicester, 7.15); 12 v Scotland (Murrayfield); 15 v South and South-West Division (Bristol); 19 v England (Twickenham).

CYCLING

Back to the motorway

From John Wilcockson
Altenrhein, Switzerland

From a humid week of track racing in Zurich, the world championships entourage has decamped to the balmy shores of Lake Constance, where the first of the road races takes place today. This is the 100 kilometres team time trial, a championship which returns to a flat motorway course that will favour the traditional specialists, East Germany and the Soviet Union.

East Germany include in their quartet the winners of the past two Peace races, Falk Boden and Olaf Ludwig, and Bernd Drogan, the 1982 world champion, who can be expected to steer their team to a speed fater than their championship record of 50.507 kilometres per hour, set in 1981.

The Soviet squad is built around Yuri Kashirin and Oleg Chouzda, who finished respectively first and third in the 1982 Milk Race. Among the other challengers for a medal should be Czechoslovakia, who include Milan Jurco, who crashed last year when his team were leading.

The defending champions again include Gerard Schipper and Gerrit Solleveld, but their manager says he will be pleased if they only make the top five this year. The same applies to the Swiss, runners-up in 1982, who include Heinz Imboden, who finished second to another Swiss rider, Richard Trinkler, in the William Tell Grand Prix stage race that finished on Sunday.

Britain's new team of Steve Poulter, Keith Reynolds, Peter Sanders and Darryl Webster were training on the course yesterday, and paying particular attention to the dead turns at either end of the 25-kilometre stretch of motorway in the Upper Rhine Valley.

ROAD RACE PROGRAMME: Today: Amateur 100 km team time trial. Saturday: Women's 60 km, amateur 180 km. Sunday: Professional 250 km.

Cricket: Gower's hour is past and may never come again

Willis stays on as May takes staunch stand over loyalty

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

Bob Willis will be continuing as England's captain on the winter tour of Fiji, New Zealand and Pakistan, *beginning just after Christmas*. This was announced from Lord's yesterday, belatedly enough to suggest that the selectors had, not unpredictably, been wrestling with second thoughts.

Their minds made up, the chairman, Peter May, had a meeting with Willis. When this was arranged for yesterday, with a decision seemingly overdue, Willis may himself have thought that he was to be asked to go on the tour, but to make him Gower's No 2. This would have maintained their partnership, Gower having been Willis's deputy in all his 14 Test matches as leader.

But despite the need for a change, on tactical grounds and as way off launching a new initiative, Willis hangs on. This, inevitably, raises the question of whether, after all, Gower is being seen as the next captain.

What may happen now, I am afraid, is that when the time does come for Willis to be replaced, his successor will have to start either against West Indies in England next summer, a daunting prospect, or with an arduous tour of India in the winter of 1984-85, followed by an Ashes series in England in 1985. It was that sort of programme which gave Botham so little chance when he took over from Brearley in 1980.

Gower, I believe, has the flair, the poise and the cricket brain to lead England successfully. He seems as obvious a choice as Greg Chappell was when he assumed the Australian captaincy, being in the same class as a player and even more experienced.

If the selectors have switched their preference to Tavaré, who has made a promising start with Kent, he, certainly, is not yet ready. The only other possibilities are Gatting, who has yet to establish himself in the England side, and Botham, who craves for another chance but is likely to have to wait for it at least until Gower or Tavaré has had a turn.

It was not an easy choice for the selectors. While wanting to do the decent thing by Willis, they knew that under him England in the field lack direction. They have seen, too, the transformation brought about for India and Pakistan through the appointment of two young captains, Kapil Dev and Imran Khan.

But nothing was ever more predictable about Peter May than his loyalty. As a captain himself he always stood staunchly by his players, never more vehemently than when they were having a difficult time. They respected him greatly for that, as well, of course, as for his great batting skill. *The same trait lies now behind his continuing support for Willis.*

It is unfortunate that Willis at the moment finds it almost more than he can do to talk to the press, a state of affairs that will have to change if the three months of his next tour are not to be uncomfortably strained. Those who follow the England team from match to match may have a strange way of showing it, but nothing in fact pleases them more than to have a good English performance to report. This no doubt is a topic which May would have touched on when he saw Willis yesterday.

Of Willis's four series as captain, three have been won (*against India*, Pakistan and now New Zealand) and one, in Australia, lost. His main contribution has come through his self-discipline, which has been exemplary. Simultaneously he has bowled mostly very well, sometimes superbly, and when not under one of his hypnotic spells he gets on well with his players. The spirit of his team has been very good. The names of those to go with him next winter, including the vice-captain, will be announced next Tuesday morning.



Willis: exemplary self-discipline

Middlesex kept on leash by fielding of eager substitutes

By Alan Ross

HOVE: Sussex (7pts) drew with Middlesex (5).

The news from the Oval may have been a comfort to Middlesex but there was not much cause for their satisfaction in the day's events at Hove. Nobody in their right mind *would have expected* Barclay in the circumstances to make a charitable declaration, but setting Middlesex to make 279 in 85 minutes plus 20 overs was possibly just on the stern side of fair, especially for a side lacking Butcher, Gatting and Slack.

Against that if Middlesex's own achievement was anything to go by, Sussex had not a hope in hell of bowling Middlesex out, Emburey having managed no wickets at all in *an innings lasting 200 minutes* and Edmonds only two. Middlesex, never properly in the hunt, finished at 195 for six wickets.

Sussex, 81 ahead on the first innings, cruised along until 3 pm. *Then Mendis got a nasty one on the* fingers and had to retire, and Barclay's string of failures continued, but Imran, in the most serene and golden form, and Green put on 112 together before lunch. *Green, a compact and correct* player, has had a disappointing season, but he batted as well as he did many times last year.

Imran, hit Emburey a long way towards the sea for six, and for ninety minutes sprayed elegant strokes mostly beyond the reach of the fielders. In the last over before lunch he played a shade carelessly at James and was caught at second slip.

Green, meanwhile, had reached his own fifty, driving Emburey back over his head. There were signs afterwards of appreciably more spin and lift from both the Middlesex spinners, but Standing, as in the first innings, coped with them like an old trooper. Ninety-three runs without losing your wicket is not a bad entry into county cricket. The Wells brothers had two main approaches, forward plod and wallop, and Alan Wells, as clean a straight hitter as anyone, just had time to flick Emburey for six before Barclay declared.

With 20 overs to go, Middlesex needed 156. Tomlins soon overhauled Radley, but some splendid fielding, notably by Standing among a host of substitutes, kept Middlesex on the leash. Radley was caught on the long off boundary and Emburey was stranded down the pitch. Ellis was stumped in the same over from Waller

SUSSEX: First innings 383 for 3 dec (G D Mendis 105, C M Wells 65, D K Standing 56 not out, A P Wells 56)

Second Innings

G D Mendis retired hurt	3
A M Green st Downton b Edmonds	53
*J R T Barclay c Downton b Hughes	6
Imran Khan c Barlow b James	62
C M Wells b Edmonds	10
D K Standing not out	37
A P Wells not out	15
Extras (b 4, l-b 2, n-b 5)	11
Total (4 wkts dec)	197

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–20, 2–30, 3–139, 4–148.

BOWLING: Hughes 9–1–27–1; Williams 8–0–16–0; Emburey 19–5–59–0; Edmonds 28–7–54–2; James 9–0–30–1.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 302 for 9 dec (K P Tomlins 132 not out, A J T Miller 86)

Second Innings

G D Barlow b Piggott	38
A J T Miller c Green b Waller	39
C T Radley c Green b Waller	37
K P Tomlins not out	54
*J E Emburey c Gould b Waller	6
R G P Ellis st Gould b Waller	1
†P R Downton st Gould b Green	0
N F Williams not out	5
Extras (b 5, l-b 6, w 1, n-b 3)	15
Total (6 wkts)	195

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–60, 2–103, 3–167, 4–175, 5–177, 6–180.

BOWLING: Pigott 9–1–23–1; Reeve 7–0–30–0; Barclay 3–0–20–0; Waller 14–2–61–4; C M Wells 8–0–43–0; Green 1–0–3–1.

Umpires: R Julian and D G L Evans.

Ideal for Boycott

By Peter Ball

CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire (7 pts) drew with Yorkshire (4).

Beginning the day still needing 69 runs to make Derbyshire bat again, Yorkshire had first to save the match before they could think about winning it. They achieved the first objective, but their dour approach as they batted throughout the day meant that the second had to be disregarded.

It was a situation made for Boycott's brand of technical perfection, and he enjoyed himself, batting for for 487 minutes for his 169 not out, the 139th century of his career, the seventh of the season and his eighth against Derbyshire.

In the morning, as Yorkshire wiped off the arrears, he added 27 to his overnight 62 and, most uncharacteristically, gave his one chance when on *88*, Moir dropping a sharp but not impossible catch at silly point with Yorkshire's lead than a meagre 19.

It was the first of three dropped catches which destroyed Derbyshire's chance of gaining their first double over Yorkshire since 1879. Bairstowe, whose partnership of 95 with Boycott, extended the lead to 100, was dropped in the next over off Fowler and in the second over with the second new ball off Mortensen; Miller at slip being the unfortunate fieldsman on both occasions.

Bairstow went eventually, but *Boycott batted* on imperturbably. He accelerated in the afternoon, scoring 52, his century arriving at 3.17 after 5 hours 11 minutes at the crease. After tea he returned to his shell, but by then we were counting *the number of interruptions* caused by people walking across the sight screen at the pavilion end – they seemed to come more frequently than additions to Boycott's score.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 368 (W P Fowler 91, A Hill 64, I S Anderson 62, D G Moir 53; P Carrick 5 for 122).

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 180 (A Sidebottom 61, G B Stevenson 51; M A Holding 5 for 48).

Second Innings

G Boycott not out	169
M D Moxon st Maher b Moir	42
K Sharp b Mortensen	27
J D Love c Anderson b Miller	49
†D L Bairstow b Finney	42
P Carrick c Anderson b Miller	0
A Sidebottom not out	44
Extras (b 9, l-b 6, w 4, n-b 4)	23
Total (5 wkts)	396

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–75, 2–140, 3–218, 4–313, 5–316.

BOWLING: Holding 25–8–54–0, Finney 14–2–48–1; Miller 51–19–104–2; Moir 27–8–57–1; Mortensen 18–8–28–1; Fowler 8–3–24–0; Anderson 6–1–31–0; Hill 4–1–11–0; Barnett 2–0–12–0; Hampshire 2–0–4–0.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and R A White.

Warwicks v Worcs

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire (6 pts) drew with Worcestershire (7).

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 303 for 7 dec (D L Amiss 84; A P Pridgeon 4 for 63).

Second Innings

T A Lloyd b Pridgeon	14
K D Smith c Humphries b Pridgeon	9
A I Kallicharran c Pridgeon b Patel	53
D L Amiss not out	59
†G W Humpage b Patel	18
R I H B Dyer not out	13
Extras (l-b 7, n-b 1)	8
Total (4 wkts)	174

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–23, 2–38, 3–95, 4–123.

BOWLING: Pridgeon 8–2–29–2; Inchmore 10–2–40–0; Patel 19–1–63–2; Illingworth 15–4–28–0; Curtis 3–1–6–0.

Umpires: J H Harris and D O Oslear.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 402 for 6 dec (D N Patel 112, M S A McEvoy 103; N Gifford 4 for 77).

Second Innings

J A Ormrod c Lloyd b Old	3
M S A McEvoy c Lloyd b Old	23
A P Pridgeon c Amiss b Gifford	20
*P A Neale not out	82
D N Patel b Kallicharran	80
T S Curtis l-b-w b Kallicharran	11
M J Weston not out	3
Extras (b 1, l-b 1, w 1, n-b 5)	8
Total (5 wkts dec)	230

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–18, 2–47, 3–53, 4–196, 5–220.

BOWLING: Old 21–5–61–2; Hogg 3–0–9–0; Gifford 29.5–4–88–1; Kallicharran 13–0–64–2.

Leics v Northants

LEICESTER: Leicestershire (24 pts) beat Northamptonshire (5) by five wickets.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 219 (R G Williams 76, D J Capel 56)

Second Innings

M J Bamber c Butcher b Taylor	3
W Larkins b Taylor	47
N A Mallender b Taylor	1
P Willey l-b-w b Taylor	2
R J Boyd-Moss c Butcher b Taylor	101
R G Williams c Briers b Ferris	58
D J Capel c Butcher b Ferris	0
D S Steele c Tolchard b Ferris	7
*†G Sharp not out	27
J A Carse b Clift	12
B J Griffiths l-b-w b Clift	0
Extras (l-b 4, w 1, n-b 16)	21
Total	279

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–6, 2–16, 3–25, 4–100, 5–212, 6–215, 7–231, 8–240, 9–279, 10–279.

BOWLING: Taylor 27–10–59–5; Ferris 24–4–89–3; Steele 22–10–43–0; Clift 18–3–48–2; Parsons 4–1–19–0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 399 (I P Butcher 107, B F Davison 67; D S Steele 4 for 59).

Second Innings

B F Davison c Sharp b Griffiths	18
I P Butcher c Williams b Griffiths	2
N E Briers c Steele b Carse	22
P B Clift c Carse	16
J J Whitaker c Bamber b Griffiths	2
J C Balderstone not out	24
*†R W Tolchard not out	1
Extras (l-b 12, n-b 3)	15
Total (5 wkts)	100

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–19, 2–30, 3–66, 4–67, 5–72.

BOWLING: Mallender 3–0–36–0; Griffiths 5.2–0–38–3; Carse 3–1–11–2.

Umpires: C Cook and A G T Whitehead.

Somerset v Glam

TAUNTON: Somerset (22 pts) beat Glamorgan by three wickets.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 216 (R C Ontong 74; C H Dredge 5 for 51)

Second Innings

J A Hopkins c Garner b Marks	53
A Jones c Popplewell b Lloyds	48
R C Ontong b Lloyds	20
C J C Rowe c Dredge b Booth	43
A L Jones l-b-w b Garner	12
A H Wilkins c Garner b Dredge	6
S P Henderson run out	9
G C Holmes c and b Marks	20
†T Davies not out	11
*M W W Selvey c Gard b Garner	3
W W Davis run out	0
Extras (l-b 11)	11
Total	236

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–103, 2–105, 3–133, 4–156, 5–163, 6–175, 7–217, 8–221, 9–236, 10–236.

BOWLING: Dredge 15–2–31–1; Garner 15.5–2–51–2; Marks 21–9–52–2; Booth 13–2–44–1; Lloyds 17–2–47–2.

SOMERSET: First Innings 214 (J G Wyatt 59; R C Ontong 5 for 67.)

Second Innings

J G Wyatt c Davies b Davis	27
*P M Roebuck c Davies b Selvey	21
P W Denning lbw b Selvey	25
N F M Popplewell lbw b Ontong	47
R L Ollis st Davies b Rowe	21
V J Marks not out	44
J W Lloyds c Hopkins b Rowe	9
†T Gard b Davis	4
J Garner not out	18
Extras (b 3, lb 9, nb 8)	20
Total (7 wkts)	241

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–51, 2–68, 3–99, 4–140, 5–170, 6–194, 7–211.

Umpires: A Jepson and J W Holder.

A star in silhouette: Clarke in meteoric motion yesterday (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Clarke at his fastest reminds Essex of the hazards ahead

By Peter Marson

THE OVAL: Surrey (24 pts beat Essex (8) by seven wickets

A devastating spell of fast bowling by Clarke, who took six wickets for 17 runs in 13.1 overs yesterday morning, so crippled Essex's batting that by one o'clock, when the last wicket fell at 143, Surrey's seventh success in the county championship, sponsored by Schweppes, was well nigh certain.

Requiring 122 runs to win, Surrey lost Butcher and Pauline before Knight and Stewart joined in the composition of a tuneful piece which built to a resounding and joyous finale. In this Stewart, aged 20, confirmed his promise in another excellent innings and, suitably it was he who signalled victory at 3.40 with a six to long on *and a square cut for four.*

Knight was at his best and, apart from one or two hiccups in the field, was well supported eslewhere. Yet Clarke was unquestionably Surrey's matchwinner, and five wickets in the first innings and another six yesterday, when he was often at his fastest, gave him 11 for 111 in the match.

It was in every way a meritorious win and, from Surrey's point of view, enormously satisfying. Essex, on the other hand, probably felt sore, and that would be easily understood, for they had set the pace on the first day, helping themselves to as many runs as they wanted, and their hopes were running high. But Surrey, who were anxious to settle a score, displayed an admirable spirit and sound professionalism as they countered first with the bat and later with the ball.

In so doing Surrey will have remided the championship leaders of the hazards that lie in the path of the front runners. Essex will feel the pressure now as they take on Lancashire at Old Trafford today, before welcoming Yorkshire to Chelmsford for their last match on September 10.

Since the middle of last month, when Hampshire beat them at Southend, Essex had been invincible, with Glamorgan, Sussex, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire beaten by an innings, among five victories. But success in this match looked in doubt as the last chapter was concluded on Monday evening, when Thomas and Payne roundeed up Gooch, Gladwin and Hardie for 46 runs.

When McEwan and Fletcher reappeared on a cloudy, humid morning yesterday, Essex, with seven wickets in hand, led by 54 runs. McEwan held the key. Surrey knew it and it is a fair bet that McEwan knew that Clarke knew. Clarke's second ball, as fast as any in his deadly thrust, left McEwan in no doubt, and yorked him.

It was Clarke's beginning and, *but* for a defiant stand of 41 for the tenth wicket between Pringle and Acfield, very nearly the end of Essex.

ESSEX: First Innings 300 for 9 dec (K S McEwan 72; S T Clarke 5 for 83)

Second Innings

G A Gooch c Knight b Thomas	4
C Gladwin b Thomas	5
B R Hardie c Clarke b Payne	23
K S McEwan b Clarke	25
*K W R Fletcher c Knight b Clarke	12
D R Pringle not out	33
N Phillip c and B Clarke	5
†D E East c Payne b Clarke	2
R E East c Richards b Clarke	0
J K Lever run out	2
D L Acfield c Butcher b Clarke	16
Extras (b 13, l-b 2, n-b 1)	16
Total	143

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–5, 2–19, 3–46, 4–76, 5–85, 6–93, 7–100, 8–100, 9–102, 10–143.

BOWLING: Clarke 24.1–10–48–6; Thomas 17–4–37–2; Payne 16–5–41–1; Pocock 3–2–1–0.

SURREY: First Innings 322 (D B Pauline 64, D J Thomas 51; J K Lever 4 for 83)

Second Innings

A R Butcher l-b-w b Phillip	13
D B Pauline l-b-w b Lever	9
A J Stewart not out	52
*R D V Knight b Acfield	46
M A Lynch not out	0
Extras (l-b 2, n-b 2)	4
Total (3 wkts)	124

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–17, 2–23, 3–114.

BOWLING: Lever 8–0–30–1; Phillip 8–0–19–1; Pringle 3–0–12–0; Acfield 8–4–20–1; R E East 2–0–12–1; Fletcher 3.3–0–27–0.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and N T Plews.

OFFICIAL CORRECTION: Surrey v Essex, John Player League, August 28: Surrey innings: A J Stewart l-b-w b Turner 4, not as previously published.

Broad to leave Gloucestershire

By Alan Gibson

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire (7pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (4)

It was a difficult declaration for Nottinghamshire. If they were to give themselves the time to bowl Gloucestershire out, they needed to get a move on, but a pitch that made it hard for them to score quickly would also make it easy for Gloucestershire to close things down if they got into trouble on the chase. So it transpired.

In the end, Rice, declared at 278 for four, setting Gloucestershire to score 287 in three hours, a higher rate than had been achieved previously in the match. This was on the tough side, and wold have been more understandable if Zaheer had been playing. Young Johnson, from Newark, scored a neat century. The circumstances were not testing, but he showed that the quality is there. Rice also scored a handsome century. He batted on for a couple of balls afterwards, presumably to demonstrate that it was not for personal reasons that he had delayed the declaration.

Gloucestershire lost Romaines at 24, caught at the wicket, in the fifth *over. The spinners* were soon on. Hemmings had Broad, also caught at the wicket, for 43 at 65 in the thirteenth. Broad had batted vigorously. He has had an argument with Gloucestershire about his *future and player and county ill now* go their separate ways. He thinks, we learn, that he will have a better chance of playing for England with a more fashionable county, such as the dazzling Worcestershire. It occurs to me that *Norfolk* might suit him best, with a name like that. He is a good county professional, but has never struck me as England class.

Bainbridge was caught in the slips, soon after tea. *Gloucestershire* did not give up. Hignell played a carefree innings, which was tactically wise, because it kept Nottinghamshire wary. If Gloucestershire had gone straight on the defensive, Hemmings might just have got them out. He bowled Hignell, but by then the score was 132.

With 20 overs to go, 121 were needed, but with Cunningham and Shepherd soon out in quick successsion, Gloucestershire's hopes of victory disappeared. However *Wright, though no flyer,* batted efficiently, and saw them safely through to a draw. Although there had been some good individual performances, it was not an exhilarating match.



Broad: will be reported to Lord's for breach of contract

● Leicestershire, who have made a profit for more than ten seasons, must cut back £40,000 in expenditure next year. Mike Turner, the county's secretary and manager, has been asked by the committee to make savings on the administrative and playing side for next season.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 308 (B Hassan 90, P Johnson 52, B N French 51)

Second Innings

P Johnson c Shepherd b Childs	125
R T Robinson c Russell b Shepherd	11
*C E B Rice not out	100
J D Birch st Russell b Cunningham	18
B Hassan run out	14
†B N French not out	5
Extras (b 3, l-b 2)	5
Total (4 wkts dec)	278

E E Hemmings, K Saxelby, K E Cooper, M K Bore and M Hendrick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–48, 2–182, 3–235, 4–265.

BOWLING: Sainsbury 8–1–29–0; Shepherd 18–4–48–1; Childs 34–8–99–1; Cunningham 17–0–70–1; Doughty 7–0–26–0.

● JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) – The South African medium-fast bowler, Vincent van der Bijl, who played for Middlesex three years ago, has announced his retirement. Van der Bijl spent one season in England, helpng Middlesex to win the county championship in 1980. He was the county's most successful bowler, taking 85 wickets at an average of 14.72 runs.

● Peter Willey will probably join Leicestershire if he decides to leave Northamptonshire at the end of the season.

Willey, aged 33, was told this week that Northants would not be offering any improvement on his present one-year contract. He now has three weeks to decide his future.

MINOR COUNTIES

BOVEY TRACEY: Wiltshire 214 for 6 dec (J M Rice 58; P A Brown 4 for 63); Devon 255 for 2 (N A Folland 89 not out, B Shaw 83 not out, G Wallen 51).

Withe settlement

The England forward, Peter Withe, celebrated his 32nd birthday yesterday by settling his differences with Aston Villa and withdrawing his transfer request. Withe, apparently perturbed by the summer signing of Paul Rideout from Swindon, asked for a move earlier this month.

Marshall sets up victory

By Richard Streeton

BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire (24 pts) beat Kent (4) by 8 wickets.

Hampshire, left to score 123 to win, moved smoothly to their tenth championship victory and tightened their hold on third place in the table. In certain circumstances Hampshire could even improve on their present position before the programme ends in a fortnight's time.

Kent's disappointing batting on Saturday and the injuries which left their attack depleted combined to give them little chance of success in this match. The adventurous manner in which they tackled their second innings, however, did them great credit.

With their thoughts now turning to Saturday's NatWest final there was a good mixture of good and bad news for Kent yesterday. Ellison is fit to play against Leicestershire today and Baptiste will probably return as well.

Cowdrey, Knott and Dilley, with sundry leg and back muscle problems, allhave to stand down though, and Tavaré is rested.

Knott and Johnson had to stay in if Kent, resuming 50 ahead, were to set Hampshire any sort of target in the fourth innings, but Marshall soon dismissed both men.

Knott fell to a good overhead catch by Terry at third slip and Johnson was beaten as he played forward. Dilley and Underwood stayed for a while before Malone dismissed them both in the same over.

There was no chance of any late excitement with the pitch remaining in good order. Terrt was leg before to Jarvis but Greenidge and Nicholas added 99 together in even time before Nicholas was out. He cut a quicker ball from Aslett and Ellison, fielding as a substitute, took a low catch at gulley.

This was only the third time since the war that Hampshire have won both matches at the Bournemouth Festival, something thet previously achieved in 1955 and 1973.

KENT: First Innings 182

Second Innings

R A Woolmer l-b-w b Marshall	4
N R Taylor l-b-w b Jesty	15
D G Aslett c Parks b Malone	42
M R Benson b Nicholas	38
*C S Cowdrey b Malone	73
†A P E Knott c Terry B Marshall	64
G W Johnson l-b-w b Marshall	32
G R Dilley b Malone	15
D L Underwood c Cowley b Malone	14
K Masters c Parks b Cowley	1
K B S Jarvis not out	4
Extras (b 9, l-b 4, w 3, n-b 1)	17
Total	319

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–4, 2–65, 3–69, 4–125, 5–240, 6–265, 7–286, 8–314, 9–315, 10–319.

BOWLING: Marshall 20–4–51–3; Malone 14–3–74–4; Jesty 17–0–88–1; Tremlett 8–0–38–0; Nicholas 4–2–22–1; Cowley 4.3–1–28–1.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 369 (M D Marshall 112, V P Terry 54)

Second Innings

C G Greenidge not out	48
V P Terry l-b-w b Jarvis	4
M C J Nicholas c sub b Aslett	49
T E Jesty not out	15
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 8)	9
Total (2 wkts)	125

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–6, 2–105.

BOWLING: Jarvis 9–1–33–1; Masters 7–1–24–0; Underwood 10–6–23–0; Johnson 4–0–8–0; Aslett 6–1–28–1.

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and K Ibadulla.

A frantic finish for Leicester

Leicestershire beat Northampton*shire at Grace Road* by five wickets with ten balls to spare. They needed exactly one hundred to win from the 13 overs remaining in the last hour after dismissing Northants for 279 at 5.15pm.

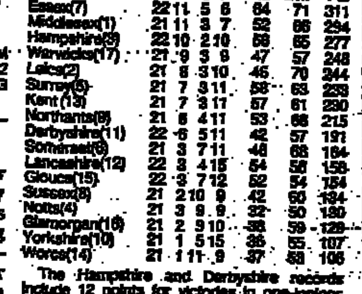
Such a frantic finish had never seemed likely earlier, as Northants began the day requiring another 164 to avoid an innings defeat. But Leicester were held up by a splendid 101 from Boyd-Moss and 58 from Williams.

TAUNTON: Somerset beat Glamorgan by three wickets with three overs to spare in an exciting finish. Glamorgan, 160 for four overnight, reached 236 all out.

Marks, who had played well, was joined by Garner with 30 needed from five overs with three wickets left. Garner struck Rowe and Wikins for gigantic sixes

EDGBASTON: Amiss comfortably *led Warwickshire to a draw after* they had declined to accept a challenge to score an unlikely 330 in 191 minutes against Worcestershire.

Two early wickets by Pridgeon removed any hope of a victory bid, *and when Kallicharran was out for 53* to Patel (two for 63). Warwickshire were happy for Amiss (59 not out) to take them to 174 for four at the close.



Championship table

	P	W	L	D	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Essex(7)	22	11	5	6	64	71	311
Middlesex(1)	21	11	3	7	52	66	294
Hampshire(3)	22	10	2	10	58	65	277
Warwicks(17)	21	9	3	9	47	57	248
Leics(2)	21	8	3	10	46	70	244
Surrey(5)	21	7	3	11	58	63	233
Kent (13)	21	7	3	11	57	61	230
Northants(9)	21	6	4	11	53	66	215
Derbyshire(11)	22	6	5	11	42	57	191
Somerset(6)	21	3	7	11	48	68	164
Lancashire(12)	22	3	4	15	54	56	158
Gloucs(15)	22	3	7	12	52	54	154
Sussex(8)	21	2	10	9	42	60	134
Notts(4)	21	3	9	9	32	50	130
Glamorgan(16)	21	2	9	10	38	59	129
Yorkshire(10)	21	1	5	15	35	55	107
Worcs(14)	21	1	11	9	37	53	106

The Hampshire and Derbyshire records include 12 points for victories in one-innings matches.

1981 positions in brackets

TENNIS

Lloyd makes good start at new-look Flushing Meadow

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, New York

The United States championships began here yesterday in glaring heat amid heartening evidence that this always genial tournament could be the most enjoyable since the move from Forest Hills to Flushing Meadow five years ago.

This year about £1.2m is being spent on improvements to the venue's appearance, its comforts and its efficiency. The works have already affected the nature of the outside courts, plus landscaping, drainage and, indoors, better *facilities* for what may broadly be described as the tournament's temporary labour force – umpires, press and the rest.

The championships have even appointed a self-styled "welcome mat" in the shape of Ted Tinling, whose office is an obligatory transit camp for arriving dignatories. This means that Tinling, once part of Suzanne Lenglen's entourage, has completed an unusual grand slam. He is the official host at the Australian championships, *chef de protocole* at the French, and player liaison officer at Wimbledon – all of which means, briefly, that he is responsible for pampering those who are supposed to need it.

Bob Rockwell, the chief umpire, was guarded in his reaction to allegations that, in order to create time for television commercials, umpires were sometimes encouraged to be flexible in applying the 90sec limit at changeovers. "We're trying to follow the rules as strictly as possible," he said. The only moot point, he suggested, concerned the 30sec allowed between points. Was it rerasonable to penalize a server whose 30sec expires in the split second when he was completing his swing before impact?

The first winners of the tournament included one of Britain's Davis Cup players, John Lloyd, who beat Bernard Miton 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3. This was a good win for Lloyd, because Mitton is ranked a long way above him. It was also encouraging for Britain as a whole. On September 30 and October 1 and 2 Britain play Chile at Eastbourne in a tie that will decide which nation will be relegated to the inter-zonal qualifying competition next year. It is therefore important that Lloyd should go some way towards regaining the form that once took him to the final of the Australian championship.

A notable success was achieved by Eric Korita, who beat the far more experienced Brian Teacher, Korita has a formidable service and is rapidly advancing towards the front rank. In the same half of the draw the ninth seed, Jimmy Arias, had a comfortable win over Jonathan Canter.

On Monday evening the Women's Tennis Association held their annual dinner dance and awards ceremony in one of those sumptuously appointed hotels that borrow something from the ambience of carpeted railway stations. This was very much a glossy show business occasion. But its purposes were charitable – raising money to help reduce the incidence of birth defects. The Men's Association of Tennis Professionals have a similar function for a similar cause. It is worth noting that modern professionals have not lost sight of wider issues.

The women professionals are more tightly organized than the men and this may be largely because the leading women seem to have a stronger sense of corporate responsibility. To risk a generalization, the women seem, in general to have more social assurance and thus give and take pleasure in their off-court activities. The WTA, though, have an extraordinary assembly of people working for them. Peachy Kellmeyer, Grenn Nembauser and *Sandy Treadwell are but* three examples of the seemingly fictional list of names working on behalf of women's tennis.

The players are not much help, either. Two of this year's award winners were Andrea Temesvari ("most improved player") and Carling Bassett ("most impressive newcomer"). It is, on the other hand, rather homely and comforting to be reminded tha there is such a sense of social unity amongst the women professionals that some of the announcements on Monday brought to mind the flavour of Ladies Circle or Women's Institute gatherings.

BOXING

Filipino for Magri

Charlie Magri will make his first world flyweight title defence against Frank Cedino, of Manila, at Wembley Arena on September 27 *and Keith Wallace will meet Juan* Diaz, of Mexico, Magri's conqueror, at the Bloomsbury Crest Hotel, London, tomorrow.

By a strange irony Diaz was making his final preparations yesterday a few miles down the road from where Magri announced his voluntary defence.

Magri was knocked out by Diaz in October 1981. He went on to win the World Boxing Council title, his first defence of which is not expected to be too demanding.

Wallace would rather be meeting Magri but extravagant offers from his manager, Frank Warren, to stage an all-British world *title* contest continue to be ignored. Wallace's only chance of meeting Magri is to become the official contender. Tomorrow's match with Diaz is the next step along that path.

Diaz will reflect that although his six-round *defeat* of Magri set the little Londoner back about 18 months it did not advance the Diaz cause. He became the leading contender but was never given a chance at the title and gradually slid out of the top *10*.

Cedeno, from the Phillippines – one of the traditional nurseries of the flyweight division – should not cause Magri too many problems, although the same could have been said about *Diaz* and the other Mexican who beat him, Jose Torres.

Cedeno only technically fulfils the qualifying condition of being in the top 10: he is ninth in the August ratings but in the super-flyweight *(8st 3lb)* division. *Earlier in the year* he reached seventh place among the flyweights.

ATHLETICS

Ovett in, Maree out

From Pat Butcher, Koblenz

Steve Ovett, who set a world 1,500 metres record of 3min 31.36sec here three years ago, and Sydney Maree who broke it in Cologne on Sunday with 3min 31.24sec are acting like the weather figurines on the square clock in the old town here. When one goes in, the other comes out.

Ovett arrived yesterday in brilliant sunshine, intent on retrieving his record. Maree, who was going to run, changed his mind and left under a cloud to go to another meeting in Rome tomorrow night.

There were hints from the promoter that Maree's agent, the International Management Group, were pricing the athlete out of the market. It is a pity that Maree cannot run against the American, Steve Scott, in the mile, for the attraction of Koblenz is that there are two big middle-distance racers.

Ovett had said that he was going to make an attempt on the 1,500 metres world record and he is sticking to that.

It is hoped that Thomas Wessinghage will take the pace on the third lap as he did when Ovett set his record, but there will be more danger perhaps from Willi Wülbeck, the world 800 metres champion.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

European Cup Winners' Cup

Preliminary round, second Leg:
Magdeburg v Swansea City (7.0 bst)

First division
Leicester City v Luton Town (7.45)
Norwich City v Liverpool.

Milk Cup
First round, first leg:
Exeter City v Cardiff City.
Hereford United v Portsmouth
Oxford United v Bristol City
Port Vale v Wrexham.

Scottish League Cup
Third round
Aberdeen v Meadowbank Thistle.
Airdrieonians v Celtic
Dundee v St Johnstone
Hibernian v Kilmarnock, Motherwell v Morton
Rangers v Clydebank
St Mirren v Heart of Midlothian.

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Kettering v Boston; Yeovil v Nuneaton.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: First round, first leg: Willenhall v Stourbridge. First round, *second leg: Cheltenham v Merthyr;* Dover v Thanet; Fareham v Poole; Milton Keynes v Aylesbury; Shepshed v Alvechurch; Sutton Coldfield v V S Rugby; Wellingborough v Leicester United.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Stoke; Blackburn v Newcastle; Bolton v Burnley (7.00); Everton v Sheffield Wed (7.00); Notm For v West Brom (7.00); Sunderland v *Liverpool. Second division:* Barnsley v Oldham (7.00); Blackpool v Middlesbro'; Grimsby v Huddersfield; Wolves v Wigan (7.00).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Charlton v Millwall (7.00); Swindon v West Ham (7.00).
IRISH CUP: Glenavon v Portadown (6.30).

CRICKET

County championship (11.0 to 6.30)
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Northamptonshire
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Essex
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Kent
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Hampshire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Sussex
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Middlesex

Tour matches
SCARBOROUGH: D B Close's XI v New Zealanders (11.30 to 6.30)
CHELMSFORD: England Young Cricketers v Australia Young Cricketers

Second XI championship
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Yorkshire; Leyton: Sussex v Middlesex; Sittingbourne (Bowaters): Kent v Glamorgan; Preston: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire; Coventry (Courtaulds): Warwickshire v Somerset.

Minor Counties championship
Bovey Tracey: Devon v Wiltshire

RUGBY LEAGUE
Swinton v Workington Town

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto Blue Jays 5, Boston Red Sox 1 and 7-8; Baltimore Orioles 9, Kansas City Royals 2; Minnesota Twins 5, Detroit Tigers 4; Chicago White Sox 2, Texas Rangers 1; Seattle Mariners 2, Milwaukee Brewers 1; Cleveland Indians 6, California Angels 4.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Los Angeles Dogers 6, New York Mets 1 and 7-3; San Diego Padres 6, Philadelphia Phillies 5 and 6-8; Montreal Expos 5, San Francisco Giants 0; Pittsburgh Pirates 2, Cincinnati Reds 1; *Chicago Cubs 7, Atlanta Braves 5; St Louis Cardinals 6, Houston Astros* 1.

GOLF

LPGA TOUR EARNINGS (US unless stated): 1, J Carner, $251,384; 2, P Sheehan, $236,023; 3, P Bradley, $197,950; 4, J Stephenson (Aus), $176,938; 5, K Whitworth, $171,337; 6, B Daniel, *$158,862; 7, A Miller, $140,525; 8, H* Stacy, $138,931; 9, A Alcott, $133,667; 10, D White, $124,500. British placings: 96, C Panton, $8,765.
PGA TOUR EARNINGS (US unless stated): 1, H Sutton, $412,744; 2, L Wadkins, $315,577; 3, C Peete, $301,848; 4, F Zoeller, $264,852; 5, B *Crenshaw, $259,398; 6, J Nicklaus, $256,158; 7, T Kite, $247,822; 8, G Morgan, $245,642; 9,* J Miller, $224,776; 10, T Watson, $214,881. British placings: 66, P Oosterhuis, $61,837; 112, N Faldo, $32,651.
WOODHALL HILLS: WPGA Malcolm Tournament: First round leaders (GB and Ire unless stated): 70: D Dowling. 71: J Smurthwaite. 72: M Burton. 73: M Walker, D Reid, M Marshall (US), M Thomson. 74: B Huke, C Flom (US), S Mackenzie (Aus), J Lawrence. 75: P Durins (WG), K Bauer (US), A Winn, S Latham, K Monaghan (US), E Glass (Zim). 76: C Sharp, G Teschner, S Moon (US), T Fernando (S Lanka).

FOOTBALL

NORWEGIAN LEAGUE: Brann 4, Lillestrom 0; Kongsvinger 0, Hamkam 3; Moss 2, Bryne 2; Rosenborg 1, Mjoendalen 2; Viking 1, Start 1; Vaalerengen 3, Eik 0.

SHOOTING

NOTTINGHAM: English Handicap-by-Distance Championship: 1, R Martin (Leicestershire), *289 pts out of 300; 2, I Ainsley (West Yorkshire),* 288; 3, C Bloxham (Warwickshire) 278. International Sporting Selection Shoot: Blandford and Dorchester Gun Club Evershot, Dorset: P Howe (Norfolk) 129 out of 150 pts; 2, D Izzard (Beds) 127; equal 3, J Sidwell (Suffolk) and J Woolley (Kent) 123. Women: A Hillyer (Dorset) 101.

YACHTING

BURNHAM: Class I: Moonchaser (N Mooney). Class II: Harmony (M J Holmes and T Allen). Class III: Lynx (H H Tribe). Class IV: Lady Ash (I W Hart). Class V(a): Snoopy (S J Smith). Class V(b): Baccara (A W Chapman). Class VI(a): Woodchip (D N Chamberlain). Class VI(b): Capella (G A Abel). Contessa: Red Jacket (D W Lenz). Sonata: Marimba (P Marchamp). Robber: Filou (G J Skelton). Dragon: Avalanch (T G Wade). Stella: Polaris (J D Green). Squib: Clanger (N Hartshorn). RCODs: Corinella (A J Marsh), Sandhopper: Sandy (A Faywell). Osprey: Hydrobates (M Stubbs). Estuary: Requiem (C Davison). Wayfarer: Sunnyside Up (K E Nodem). Lasers: Mussel Box (P R Daniels).

Yachting: sport as it once was in the America's Cup

Victory turns a Nelsonian eye to defeat in contesting every wave

From David Miller, Newport, Rhode Island

There are only five factors which could give Victory '83 any real hope of defeating Australia II in the America's Cup final eliminations series, and none of them offer much scope for optimism. This was reaffirmed when the Royal Perth challenger outsailed her British rival on Monday only for the race ultimately to be abandoned.

Peter de Savary concedes that it is the misfortune of his planned £5m campaign to have come up against a brilliant, innovative boat, even though publicly he is still as determined, as his crew were when six minutes down, to fight the Australians through every wave and windshift.

Yet these are only long-shot possibilities which might result in obtaining even one win in the best-of-seven series to decide who challenges America for the cup:

1, An increased aggressive attitude in the 10-minute starting manoeuvres before the gun which would force the Australian helmsman John Bertrand to overreact and get disqualified on protest. 2, A large element of luck on a major, favourable windshift. 3, An error such as the Australians made on the second downwind leg on Monday which allowed Rodney Pattisson's shrewder judgement on the helm to pick up almost four minutes. 4, A superior start in which Victory '83 is either substantially ahead or Australia II crosses the line early and is recalled. 5, Or the heavier weather above 14 knots with lumpy seas in which the Ian Howlett design is thought to close the differential.

The plain truth, emphasized in Monday's light to negligable airs which at times fainted away to three knots or less, is that Australia II is on average one and a half minutes faster on windward legs in 10-knot winds and half a minute to one minute slower downwind, which in conjunction with her one fifth of a length advantage on every tack is sufficient to guarantee victory if the start is level and Bertrand makes no mistakes. This advantage is magnified in time difference the slower the races.

Monday's race, abandoned after just over five hours, halfway down the final windward leg when it was obvious the 5 hours 15 minutes time limit would expire, lends substance to the accusation of Dennis Conner, helmsman of Liberty, that the Australians were "sandbagging", or going slow, in the semi-final race won by Victory '83, when Bertrand failed to exploit his tacking advantage. In spite of strong denials, it suddenly makes sense that the Australians would do nothing in that "dead" race to jeopardize crew or gear.

The contradiction in de Savary's handling of the campaign could not have been more heavily and ironically underlined when he roared out for Monday's start in his 35-knot powerboat Lisanola with Harry Cudmore and Bryan Willis sitting side by side on the aft sundeck.

Cudmore, visiting Newport in a lull between other commitments as possibly Britain's best helmsman, is the man who might have narrowed the gap with the Australians but left on mutual agreement several months ago when de Savary refused to compromise his squad system by making the Irishman overall skipper.

Three weeks ago de Savary also controversially dropped his other chief starting theorist, Phil Crebbin, and it is significant that an American invited to coach the British crew on starts declined to do so unless Crebbin was in the afterguard.

Willis, who runs a yachting school on the Isle of Wight and is the country's leading rule expert, has been retained by de Savary exclusively to advise on start manoeuvre and possible ways of putting pressure on the opposition which hmight have forced them into a critical error.

As we mill around with the hundreds of other spectator boats gathered for the start 8 miles offshore, Willis drily observes: "The difference between fleet racing and match racing is as wide as between running and boxing. If you see the chance of a knockout blow, you deliver it".

Willis, in conjunction with the navigator-tactician, Derek Clark, has been working on ways, which are too lengthy to explain here, to exploit the rules in relation to manoeuvering around the race committee stake-boat on the start line, which the rules obscurely classify in a quite different way from other obstructions on the water.

On Monday, under metal-grey weeping skies which merged with the seas, the tension was electrifying as the gleaming multi-million pound craft and the oil-skinned crews circled and swooped among the spectator boats following the 10-minute gun, just like the boxers of Willis's allusion.

When Lawrie Smith, looking for the windward side of the line, cleverly tacked through 108 degrees around the stern of a large motor yacht, Australia II produced one of her most astonishing spin-turn yet seen, revolving in almost her own length to go about back down the port side of the motor yacht on starboard tack and force Victory '83 away to the leeward end of the line.

Though Victory '83 had been smart, they had not been smart enough. When the gun went two second later Smith was across the line, level with Bertrand but to leeward, and within a quarter of a mile it was clear that Australia II was pointing some three degrees closer to the wind.

Barring accidents, the race was effectively over and Willis could put away his cassette recorder with a second-by-second commentary for later analysis and spend the next five fruitless hours sunbathing.

The excitement when, after four hours, Pattisson inexorably closed in on Bertrans' error downwind, Victory having made a spinnaker change, brought the race alight as they gybed towards the mark, but I fear it was a vain flourish.

The camaraderie between the British and Australian syndicates is as conspicuous and welcome as the hostilities of the NYYC have been ugly and gauche. Three times during Monday's race de Savary and Bond nosed in towards each other's huge support craft, more expensive even than the racing boats they have built, to exchange greetings and jests.

"Excuse me while I go and see my boys catch up", de Savary shouts, ignoring the six-minute deficit with Nelsonian indifference. The contemporary Victory nearly does catch up. Whatever the outcome, Bond, de Savary and their squads have given the America's Cup a taste of sport as it once was.

● The two American syndicates are planning to test their own version of the winged keel fitted to Australia II, in an attempt to come up with a 12- metre to match the Australians in the two weeks that remain before the Cup races begin Barry Pickthall writes.

Johan Valentijn, who designed Liberty, admitted that he had been researching the idea of winged keels throughout the campaign by the New York Yacht club to have Australia II's winged keel design outlawed. The club withdrew their protest after Peter de Savary, head of Britain's Victory syndicate, revealed that the international Yacht Racing Union had given confidential approval for them a year ago.

Defender was transported to Covehaven at the weekend for wings to be added. Her designer, David Pedrick, drove up the coast to investigate, but was prevented from taking a close look.

● **Victory '83's race against Australia II yesterday was called off because of lack of wind.**

Kidds conquer Old World with ease

By John Nicholls

North American crews again did well when the international 14-foot world championship got back on schedule with two races at Pevensey Bay yesterday. The morning race, the third of the series, was won by the Canadian brothers, Jamie and Hugh Kidd. This was their second successive win.

Philip Morrison, a local sailor who designs boats and also makes the sails for them, was a popular runner-up. Morrison and his crew, Martin Gotrel made spectacular progress round the course. They had been somewhere lower than twelfth at the first mark and gained places on every round.

Will Henderson and Andrew Squire, who finished third, led for the first two legs, but the Kidds planed past them on the second reach and were never again threatend. Chris Benedict and Matt Blake, of the United States, were placed fourth and there were three more Canadian crews in the first eight to finish.

Benedict was again to the fore in the afternoon race. This was a re-sail of Sunday's cancelled race.

THIRD RACE: Weymouth Town Trophy (GBurless stated): 1, Bruce's Child (J and H Kidd, Can); 2, William (P Morrison and M Gotrel); 3, Shambles (W Henderson and A Squire); 4, Wild Things Run Fast (C Benedict and M Blake, US); 5, Hesitation Roll (J Hartley and R Gridge); 6, Bruce (Mrs K and J Bleasby, Can).

FIRST RACE (Resailed): Lowestoft Bowl: 1, Wild Things Run Fast; 2, Hesitation Roll; 3, Son of Bruce (D and A Harvey, Can); 4, Shambles; 5, Bruce; 6, William.

FOOTBALL

Toshack is defiant

Est Berlin (Reuter) – Swansea City, the Welsh Cup holders, have a difficult task ahead if they are to overcome Magdeburg and reach the first round proper of the European Cup Winners' Cup tonight.

The East Germans, who held Swansea to a 1–1 draw in the preliminary round first-leg match in Wales, last week, have made a good start to the new season and top the premier division after three games. They are the only unbeaten side in the division and won 5–0 against Union Berlin on Saturday. By contrast Swasea opened their new campaign with a 1–0 home defeat by Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday.

However, Swansea's manager John Toshack, who steered the club from the fourth division to the first in as many seasons before they were relegated in May, remains confident his side can reach the first round. "We have not buried our hopes", he said. The Welshmen will have to contain the powerful Magdeburg forward Joachim Streich.

MAGDEBURG: D Heyne; D Stahmann, D Raugust, S Mewes, G Cramer, A Wittke, J Pommerenke, W Steinbach, D Halata, J Streich, F Cebulla.
SWANSEA CITY: J Rimmer; D Lewis, G Stanley, N Stevenson, C Marustik, N Robinson, H Lake, J Charles, R Kennedy, A Curtis, R Latchford.

● Phil Thompson, Liverpool's 29-year-old former captain, has rejected the chance of a move to Leicester City on loan. The England international, who has won seven championship medals, is currently out of the Liverpool side. Liverpool are unchanged for tonight's match at Norwich, Kennedy having recovered from a leg injury. Norwich hope to have Channon in their team.

FA close loophole

The farce of footballers trying to get themselves sent off to guarantee an appearance at Wembley has been ended by the FA. They have changed the disciplinary rules concerning a dismissal for persistent misconduct (two bookable offences), which last season was punished only by an automatic one-match suspension, but no disciplinary points. Now the first caution will also be added to a player's record.

Against Notts County last season, Foster the Brighton captain, was booked for dissent in the twenty-seventh minute, which took him over 31 points and in line for an automatic two-match suspension which would rule him out of the FA Cup final against Manchester United. Foster realized that if he was sent off for a second offence, his booking would be wiped out and replaced by a one-match ban that would enable him to play in the final.

Although Foster was pulled up for deliberate handball and a couple of fouls, and appeared to make several comments to the referee, Norman Wilson, he was not sent off, and eventually missed Wembley after an unsuccessful appeal to the High Court.

Eight clubs – five from the London area – collected fines totalling £5,500 for averaging 5.25 disciplinary points per game last season. Wimbledon, the fourth division champions – the only club to reappear out of the six hauled up last season – were punished with a heavy £1,500 fine, half of which was suspended.

Reluctant Deb undergoes a sea-change and melts the ice

The Cottrill duckling turns swan

There was a tap on the shoulder and a friendly hand advanced. It was one of those embarrassing occasions of a familiar face in an unfamiliar background defying instant recognition and it was not until the owner of the hand gestured towards the girl at his side that I identified him, and her. They were Debbie Cottrill and her father, the same Debbie Cottrill who won the British figure skating championship for the second time in 1981, and yet not the same Debbie Cottrill at all.

Where before she had been shy and ill at ease in strange company, even in company not all that strange, she was now clearly relaxed and glowing with sun-tanned self-confidence. she was, furthermore, among a group of golf correspondents whom she had never met and would probably never meet again. This had all come to pass because her parents had chosen the same hotel for her sister's wedding, with Debbie as bridesmaid, as we had for its close proximity to the Belfry golf cours.

It was a revelation to meet her again, partly because she had materialized in such an unexpected quarter, but mainly because she had undergone such a personality change since unexpectedly giving up an amateur skating career to turn professional. She had joined one of the Holiday on Ice companies and had flown off to Panama for an eight-month tour that took in also the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil.

She was not, she said, aware that her character was changing but when she returned home last month many people remarked on her composure. The Debbie Cottrill one knew up to the winter of 1981-2 had been hard to communicate with, since her timidity had reduced her conversation, except among an intimate circle of friends, to monosyllabic replies, accompanied with nervous chuckles. One had approached her with some diffidence then. Now there is a warm welcome on her smiling face.

Debbie Cottrill won the British championship for the first time at 16 in 1978. There were then two setbacks before she regained the title in 1981, after securing fourth place in the world championships at Hartford, Connecticut, the same year. Her expectations of another good year's progress were ruined by injury and surgery and after her tenth place in the world championship of 1982 at Copenhagen she decided that enough was more than enough.

She no longer enjoyed the drudgery, as it had become, of training, all of which could be wasted by one poor performance when it mattered. She suffered four minutes of free skating agony at Copenhagen in March last year. "You practise all year just for one momemt", she recalls wistfully, "and you can just blow it like that." Yet she confesses that she would not be the skater she is, in the position she is, without those long, cold hours of dedication from the age, in her case, of nine.

She knew that she would have to find a niche in skating because "whenever I've been away on holiday for four or five weeks I couldn't wait to get back to skating. I'd be lost without it". She was realistic enough to appreciate that she had not got a strong enough character to be a teacher and that a period of show skating, with its emphasis on self-projection, would repair that one gap in her credentials.

After two, perhaps three, years with Holiday on Ice, she feels, she will have all the personality she needs for that role, old enough, too, to command respect, young enough for her prowess as a competitor still to be remembered.

Towards the end she was training in Lake Placid, New York State, with Emmerich Danzer, a former world champion, and it was he who guided her in the direction of Holiday on Ice, once he saw that her mind, unlike his, was made up. He would have liked her to give it one more year.

Venturing into the wide world on her own two talented feet, she was anxious to start with, thinking "God, have I made the right decision". She knew only one member of the show's company when they assembled at Heathrow for the flight to Panama City, a fellow Solihull skater, John Stevenson, but by the time they arrived she was already one of the gang.

In due time she formed a warm friendship with Beatrice Anquetil, niece of a famous French cyclist, and that has helped in the fina transition from duckling (but never an ugly one) to graceful swan.

On professional ice she had, at first, been "nervous about things falling off. It was strange to wear clip-on ear-rings, jewelery, flowers in the hair, but after the first night it was fine".

Show skating was a different form, "stronger on presentation and choreography than technical". She never does any triple jumps or double axels in the show, leaving the double luts as the most advanced jump in her programme. She is still learning, she claims. "We wach each other, and ach each other". She is one of the two lady principals in the show, with two solo spots of about two and a half minutes each.



Ice on holiday. Cottrill the traveller returns to her armchair, the picture-book of composure. Photograph: John Manning

During the tour she was usually billed "as the British star, or something like that", but the management took no chances in Argentina, with the Falklands war still etched deeply in the national consciousness. For their purposes she was a "European star", but she has a warm spot for Argentina. "Buenos Aires is a beautiful, European-type city", she says, "with a nice climate, at last when we were there, and nice people".

She has watched the last world championships on a video recording and has her favourites. Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean are "just marvellous, getting better all the time when you think there can't be any more room for improvement". Rosalynn Summers, the new world champion, and Katarina Witt most appeal to her among those who would be her rivals had she not taken the plunge that surprised the skating world.

But "I have absolutely no regrets", she says, and, seeing her happily snuggled up in an armchair in the Cottrills's elegant family home at Balsall Common, you can easily understand why. Her company are in Europe this winter, starting at Le Havre on September 6. She can hardly wait.

John Hennessy

RACING



No stalling: pursuit is headlong in the Steve Donoghue Handicap at Epsom (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Electric finish by Spark Chief

By John Karter

We read volumes – and quite rightly so – about the bravery of our National Hunt jockeys who break limbs as regularly as you or I break bread as they go about their business of urging tired jumpers over a seies of hair-raising obstacles. Consequently, the job of riding in a Flat race, which is often all over before you can say "Willie Carson", tends to get written off as something of a sinecure.

Not many Flat jockeys would agree with that, of course. And when the race concerned takes place at Epsom and they are perched precariously on top of half a ton of horse flesh careeing at over 40 mph down the helter skelter five furlong track, which is easily the fastest in the world, they can rightly claim to have earned every penny of their fee and more.

The Vladivar Vodka Topby over the Epsom five, which was the main race at the Surrey course yesterday, was set up to benifit the apprentices school at Newmarket, which teaches budding Piggotts to cope with all aspects of riding and send them on their way able to deal with even the demands of Epsom like the great man himself.

The sponsoring company offered £160,000 to the school if the winner of yesterday's race broke the world record of 53.60 seconds set up by Indigenous in 1960 and £10,000 if the time was below the standard for the course of 55.4.

The apprentices got their £10,000 and almost scooped the pool as Willie Carson on the favourite, Spark Chief, swooped between Manilow and Trilli in the final 100 yards. The time was an amazing 53.7 just a tenth of a second outside the world record and Carson said that they would have broken it had Spark Chief kept a straight line throughout the race.

As it was, Frank Durr's four year old beat the fastest electrical time set up by Raffingora in 1970. So, as Indigenous's time was recorded by hand and the horse apparently got a flyer before the chap holding the stop watch realized if was time to press the button, it could be said that Spark Chief has a moral record to his credit.

With its undulations, and cambers, the whole of the Epsom course – not just the five furlongs – is the supreme test of any rider, but there were several examples of just how to do it yesterday. Piggott, the acknowledged master of the track, showed us to perfection, coming with a perfectly timed run on Ben Hanbury's colt, Cutting Wind, to beat the favourite, Attempt, in the Rubbing House Stakes. Them John Reid, who had been going through lean times recently, revealed all his old talent to bring Lady Gerard past Redden in the closing stages of the Chalk Lane Handicap.

It was a tiny apprentice, Tyrone Williams, aged 16, who caught the eye most, however. His mount, Going Going, was rolling in badly towards the rails as he brough him up to challenge in the Steve Donaghue apprentice handicap. Williams remained totally unruffled, straightened Going Going up and drove the gelding stylishly home with hands and heels to win from Aberfield, ridden by the young star of the moment, Gay Kelleway.

Riders will have a much easier time of it today at York, where the course is as flat and true as any athletics track. Whether backs will have it so easy, however, must be open to doubt because the attractive card looks extremely tricky.

The Strensall Stakes could be won by any one of half a dozen of the ten useful fillies taking part. A key race as far as today is concerned was the Oak Tree Stakes at Goodwood last month. There Fenny Rough beat Silverdip and Linda's Fantasy by a length and three lengths.

The second and third are now one lb and two lbs better off, but against that Fenny Rough was having her first run of the season and is sure to improve.

Epsom results

2.0 CHESSINGTON STAKES (3-y-o: maidens: £1,710: 1m 2f)
GOOD AS DIAMONDS b c by Persian Bold – Alceva (A Shead) 9-0 S Cauthen (4-7 fav) 1
Vilars ... L Piggot (7-1) 2
Glittering Gem ... R Weaver (14-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £1.30. Places: £1.20, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £3.80. CSF: £4.79. B Hills at Lambourn. 3l, 5l. Harvest Gold (5-1) 4th. 8 ran. 2m 07.58sec.

2.35 RUBBING HOUSE STAKES (2-y-o: £1,928: 7f)
CUTTING WIND ch c by Sharpen Up – Tumble Judy (Mrs P Meynet) 9-1 L Piggot (5-1) 1
Attempt ... G Starkey (Evens Fav) 2
Qolaisano ... S Cauthen (8-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £3.80. Places: £1.40, £1.10, £2.60. DF: £2.60. CSF: £9.40. B Hanbury at Newmarket. 1l, 4l. Macosfables (16-1) 4th. 11 ran. 1m 22.92sec.

3.10 BLADIVAR VODKA HANDICAP (£11,374: 5f)
SPARK CHIEF b c by Chieftain – Heavenly Spark (R Tikkoo) 4-7-12 W Carson (9-4 fav) 1
Manilow ... G Dickie (8-1) 2
Miss Trilli ... S Dawson (4-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £3.00. Places: £1.30, £1.30, £1.50. DF: £7.80. CSF: £17.70. F Durrat Newmarket. 1½ l, 1½ l. Songroid (20-1) 4th. 10 ran. 53.70sec.

3.40 CHALK LANE HANDICAP (£2,523: 1m 2f)
LADY GERARD b f by Brigadier Gerard– Sinnelta(Ld Leverhulme) 3-8-3 J Reid (11-2) 1
Redden ... L Piggott (5-1) 2
Lady Justice ... P Robinson (4-1 Jt-Fav) 3
TOTE: Win: £5.90. Places: £2.20, £1.60, £1.20. DF: £9.30. CSF: £27.84. R Houghton at Didcot. 3l, 4l. Ominous (14-1) 4th. Lady of Ireland (4-1 Jt Fav) 8 ran. 2m 05.43 sec.

4.15 STEVE DONOGHUE HANDICAP (apprentices: £2,919: 1m 4f)
GOING GOING b g by Auction Ring– Whitehorn(H Candy) 4-7-7 T Williams (20-1) 1
Aberfield ... Gay Kelleway (6-1) 2
Zorn ... N Dawe (8-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £23.90. Places: £3.40, £1.40, £2.70. DF: £109.40. CSF: £120.01. H Candy at Wantage. 2½l, 3l. Paris North (7-4 fav) Free Press (5-1) 4th. 9 ran. 2m 38.46 sec.

4.50 LADAS STAKES (2-y-o: maidens: £1,842: 5f)
DOCTOR'S ORDERS b c by Nonoalco– Enchanted(Mrs H T Jones) 9-0 T Rogers (7-1) 1
Bon Hommage ... A Kimberley (20-1) 2
No Reproach ... S Cauthen (Evens Fav) 3
TOTE: Win: £7.90. Places: £1.60, £4.10, £1.10. DF: £63.10. CSF: £109.79. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. 2l, 1½l. The Milkman (50-1) 4th. 10 ran. 1m 09.76 sec. TOTE DOUBLE: £96.20. TREBLE: £321.30.
JACKPOT: £9,719.95. PLACEPOT: 31.30.

Ripon

2.30 STEVE NESBITT HANDICAP (£2,054: 1m)
EYELIGHT ro g by Roan Rocket– Pie Eye(D Fischer) 6-8-0 ... W Ryan (12-1) 1
Foolish Ways ... A Weiss (14-1) 2
Crown Counsel ... J Scargrove (16-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £10.90. Places: £2.50, £3.90, £3.40, £2.10. DF: £77.90. CSF: £141.39. Tricast: £2,332.81. R. Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. hd, 3l. Hiya Judge (3-1) 4th. Last Device (15-2fav). 18 ran. NR: Senang Hati.

3.0 BOROUGHBRIDGE STAKES (2-y-o: selling: £1,444: 5f)
FULL OF RUM b ffy Swing Easy– Tudor Saal(Walker) 8-8 ... P Colquhoun (4-1 fav) 1
Peter's Kiddie ... S Perks (11-1) 2
Goldliner Bonus ... T Ives (8-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £3.80. Places: £2.50, £4.00, £3.50. DF: £55.00. CSF: £48.53. I Walker at Newmarket. ½ l, nk. Papier Mache (10-1) 4th. 18 ran No bid.

3 30 WAKEMAN HANDICAP (£1,895: 2m 2f)
TREE MALLOW b m by Malicious– Pontenella(I Flockton Ltd) 5-8-2 M Birch (50-1) 1
Bean Boy ... M Fry (7-1) 2
Moon Mariner ... T Ives (9-2) 3
TOTE: Win: £70.60. Places: £11.50, £1.90, £1.60. DF: £477.70. CSF: £323.70 M Lambert at Malton. 1l, 4l. The Pawn (5-1) 4th. Wide Missouri and Saddan (7-2 jt favs). 12 ran. NR: Lysistra.

4.0 WENSLEY STAKES (2-y-o: £2,024: 6f)
PACIFIC KING ch c, by Northern Jove – Distinctly Royal (Mrs P Young) 9-7 T Ives (9-2) 1
Halaak ... W R Swinburn (11-8 fav) 2
Bryony Rose ... J Lowe (3-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £4.70. Places: £1.30, £1.10, £1.50. DF: £2.60. CSF: £10.31. W O'Gorman at Newmarket. ½l, ¾l. Topple (7-1) 4th. 8 ran.

4.30 CURFEW HANDICAP £1,800: 5f)
CHINA GOLD b c, by Blue Cashmere – China Girl (Mrs D Ibbotson) 4-8-12 G Gosney (6-1) 1
Blochairn Skolar ... M Fry (16-1) 2
Relative Ease ... S Horsfall (9-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £7.00. Places: £2.20, £11.80, £2.10. DF: Winner or 2nd with any other £3.20. CSF: £85.83. TRICAST: £780.57. Miss L Siddall at Tadcaster. Hd, 1½l. Off Your Mask (4-1 fav), Ultrasonic (20-1) 4th. 13 ran. NR: Nanushka.

5.0 HARROGARTE STAKES (3-y-o: maidens: £1,553: 1m 2f)
THARALEOS ch c, by Junction – Right About (R Watchman) 8-11 ... M Fry (8-1) 1
Hot Betty ... R Guest (5-1) 2
Carlans Way ... M Birch (20-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £8.40. Places: £1.90, £1.40, £9.10. DF: £34.00. CSF: £49.28. F Watson at Sedgefield. ¾l, 2½l. Native Bidder (7-4 fav) 4th. 18 ran.

PLACEPOT: £80.35.

York

Tote Double: 3.10, 4.10. Treble: 2.35, 3.40, 4.40
Draw advantage: No advantage
[Television (ITV): 2.35, 3.10 and 3.40 races]

2.00 QUINTIN GILBEY HANDICAP (£3,246: 7f) (12 runners)

102	401131	LITTLE MERCY (D) (C Blackwell) J Winter 5-9-9 (6 ex)	T Ives	4
103	20-0030	POLLY'S BROTHER (D) (Mrs C Goraghty) M H Easterby 5-9-7	K Hodgson	9
105	120010	DUNHAM PARK (D) (Mrs N Nuttall) J Fitzgerald 6-9-6	–	3
106	4-12033	CHRISTMAS COTTAGE (D) (Mrs P Mason) J Mason 5-9-5	J Seagrave	7
108	008-000	FIRST MOVEMENT (Cheveley Park Stud) C Brittain 5-9-1	P Bradwell 5	10
109	330404	WIKI WIKI WHEELS (B) (P Savill) C Nelson 3-9-0	Pat Eddery	6
110	380024	GAMBLERS DREAM (D A Wilson) D A Wilson 6-8-13	B Crossley	1
111	103103	KRAKOW (D) (J Wigan) M Stoute 3-8-7	W R Swinburn	5
112	132110	KING OF ROCK (D) (Esal Commodities Ltd) P Haslam 3-8-5	P Waldron	2
113	0-04102	TREE FELLA (C Crossley) C Crossley 6-8-2	–	11
114	000020	SONG MINSTREL (G Browne) M Camacho 5-7-11	M Fry 3	12
115	000000	CAST A SHADOW (A Duffield) J McNaughton 3-7-8	L Charnock	8

7-2 Christmas Cottage, 4 Little Mercy, 9-2 King Of Rock, 6 Wiki Wiki Wheels, 8 Krakow, Dunham Park, 10 Polly's Brother, 12 Tree Fella. 25 others.

2.35 U.K.O. SPECTACULAR HANDICAP (2-y-o: £4,012: 1m) (8)

201	314	DALESIDE REDWOOD (C) (Daleside Nurseries) T Fairhurst 9-7	R Elliott	5
206	10	MY HAVEN (A Thomson) M H Easterby 8-10	K Hodgson	6
207	033	GERYON (P Fahey) B Hills 8-8	S Cauthen	4
208	21	AHOHONEY (E Zaccour) S Norton 8-6	J Lowe	3
209	00300	EURYCLEIA (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 8-5	P Robinson	8
210	0100	STYLOGRAM (D Needham) J Etherington 8-3	J Seagrave	1
214	004	BRIDGE OF JOY (Mrs J Phillips) J W Watts 7-10	M Hills 3	7
215	00400	SKETCHMEAD BOY (Sketchmead Homes) N Tinkler 7-7	L Charnock	2

9-4 Geryon, 3 Bridge Of Joy, 9-2 Daleside Redwood, 6 Ahohoney, 8 My Haven, 10 Stylogram, 19 others.

FORM: Daleside Redwood (9-0) 4th beaten 5¾l to Quick Work (level) 4 ran. Ayr 7f stks good Aug 2. Ahohoney (8-11) won 4l from Dora's Rocket (level) 13 ran. Pontefract 6f mdn stks good to firm Aug 3. Bridge of Joy (7-13) 4th beaten 7l to Zio Peppino (level) 6 ran. Newcastle 6f mdn stks firm July 25.
SELECTION: Geryon.

3.10 GILBEY CHAMPION RACEHORSE FUTURITY (2-y-o: £7,532: 7f) (3)

304	001121	FALSTAFF (D) (Lord Porchester) W Hern 9-0	W Carson	3
305	212	HEAD FOR HEIGHTS (J Horgan) R Hannon 9-0	G Starkey	2
313	22	BUSHY TOP (Lord Hartington) D Morley 8-4	G Duffield	1

4-7 Falstaff, 2 Head For Heights, 10 Bushy Top.

FORM: Falstaff (9-0) won nk from Quick Work (level) 4 ran. Sandown 7f stks firm Aug 20. Head For Heights (9-3) 2nd beaten 3l to Trojan Fen (level) 4 ran. Newbury 7f stks good to firm Aug 12. Bushy Top (8-11) 2nd beaten ¾l to Tapaculo (level) 11 ran. Yarmouth 7f mdn stks firm Aug 17.
SELECTION: Head For Heights.

3.40 STRENSALL STAKES (Fillies: £5,324: 7f) (10)

401	14214-1	FENNY ROUGH (D) (Mrs R Hastings) B Hills 3-9-0	S Cauthen	10
402	010210	GOLDEN RHYME (D) (R Owen) G Hunter 3-9-0	G Starkey	5
403	023031	LINDA'S FANTASY (D) (J Bray) R Armstrong 3-9-0	W Carson	2
404	0-10012	SILVERDIP (–) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 3-9-0	Pat Eddery	8
405	23100	CHARMING LIFE (D) (Mrs D Wigan) M Stoute 4-8-9	W R Swinburn	9
405	000C01	ALDERN STREAM (D) (B) (Sir E Beck) G Wragg 3-8-8	T Ives	4
407	10-0001	MYRA'S BEST (D) (R Sangster) R J Williams 3-8-8	L Piggott	6
411	2112	REMEMBERING (P De Bour) L Cumani 3-8-4	G Starkey	1
412	322032	LAOIS PRINCESS (B) (Mrs T Gilson) L Browne (Ire) 3-8-1	–	7
414	22-2300	TYSANDI (S Taberner) W Bentley 3-8-1	J Lowe	3

3 Fenny Rough, 7-2 Silverdip, 9-2 Linda's Fantasy, 6 Remembering, 8 Golden Rhyme, 10 Charming Life, Laois Princess, 12 Myra's Best, 20 others.

FORM: Fenny Rough (8-7) won 1l from Silverdip (gave 1lb) 6 ran. Goodwood 7f stks good to firm July 28. Golden Rhyme (8-3) 10th of 10 to Salera (gave 7lb) Newbury 7f 60yd stks good to firm Aug 12. Linda's Fantasy (8-8) won 7l from Remembering (gave 3lb) 7 ran. Sandown 1m stks firm Aug 19. Charming Life (9-2) 6th beaten 3l to Never So Bold (gave 13lb) 17 ran. Ripon 6f h'cap good to firm Aug 20. Aldern Stream (8-10) won nk from One Degree (rec 13lb) 8 ran. Salisbury 7f h'cap good to firm Aug 10. Myra's Best (9-6) won 8l from Mills Allegiance (rec 6lb) 6 ran. Beverley 7f stks firm July 23. Laois Princess (7-11) 3rd beaten 2½l to Burslem (gave 15lb) 13 ran. Curragh 1m stks good to firm June 25.
SELECTION: Laois Princess.

4.10 ROUS STAKES (2-y-o: selling: £3,256: 5f) (9)

504	000	MR MUSIC BOY (B) (J Fenwick) M W Easterby 8-11	J Seagrave	8
505		SANTON BOY (B) (Mrs A Carr) C Thornton 8-11	J Bleasdale	5
505	0000	SCRAP HARRY (B) (D Coppenhall) R Hollinshead 8-11	S Perks	4
500	000000	BOOM SHANTY (D Warmington) P Brookshaw 8-8	W Ryan 5	3
509	2400	CHANCEY (I Armitage) M H Easterby 8-8	M Birch	7
511		HELEN'S CHOICE (M Ripley) A Smith 8-8	–	2
512	24	LADY OF LEISURE (Northumbria Leisure Ltd) I Vickers 8-8	Pat Eddery	1
516	224123	SINGLE PORTION (D) (P Savill) M Pipe 8-8	R Lines	6
517	000	TIMES (B) (Times of Wigan) W O'Gorman 8-8	T Ives	9

15-8 Lady Of Leisure, 100-30 Single Portion, 5 Chancey, 7 Times, 8 Mr Music Boy, 10 Santon Boy, 12 Helen's Choice, 33 others.

4.40 HESLINGTON STAKES (3-y-o: £2,674: 1m 4f) (6)

601	0-0011	HIS HONOUR (D) (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 9-4	W Carson	2
602	1	ASIR (D) (Yazid & Ahmed Ltd) G Harwood 9-1	G Starkey	4
603	0011	HYMETTUS (CD) (B) (Lord Halifax) J Dunlop 9-1	L Piggott	6
605	1	DANCING AFFAIR (D) (Beckhampton Ltd) J Tree 8-12	Pat Eddery	5
611	0	IRISH CAVALIER (S Hoorn Ltd) D Morrill 8-11	–	3
616	000002	SAUSAGE (G Beodle) D Morley 8-11	G Duffield	1

2 Hymettus, 3 His Honour, 7-2 Asir, 5 Dancing Affair, 12 Sausage, 20 Irish Cavalier.

York selections

By John Kacter

2.0 Little Mercy. 2.35 Eurycleia. 3.10 Falstaff. 3.40 Silverdip. 4.10 Times. 4.40 Hymettus.

Chepstow

time (2.15) Forest Stakes (Selling: £883 1m 2f)
ANNIVERSARY TOKEN ch f by Record Token– Joscaline. 3–8–8 Paul Eddery (4–1) 1
Mopsy Lovejoy ... A Barclay (4–1) 2
The Krack ... R Still (10–1) 3
TOTE: Win: £5.20. Places: £1.70, £1.00, £2.10. DF: £9.80. CSF: £20.27. R Hollinshead at Upperlongdon. 4l, ¾l. The Bru (15–8 fav) 4th. 9 ran, bought in 5,300gns.

2.45 RIVER STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o maidens: £1,075: 1m)
BARRA HEAD b g by Nonoalco – Bruntlaw 9–0 ... G Duffield (5–2) 1
BARRA HEAD ... Pat Eddery (11–10 Fav) 2
Bromwich Boy ... N Howe (16–1) 3
TOTE: Win: £3.60. Places: £1.60, £1.40. DF: £1.50. CSF: £5.30. J Dunlop at Arundel. 1l, 1½l. The Way She Moves (10–1) 4th. 7 ran.

3.15 LYSAGHT HANDICAP (amateurs: £1,848: 2m)
YIELD br g by Youth – Lalibela 5–11–6 A Kelleway (9–2) 1
Foxtrot Tango ... R Boggan (14–1) 2
Chaacha ... J Hills (7–2 fav) 3
TOTE: Win: £4.10. Places: £1.60, £1.30, £1.40. DF: £12.90. CSF: £31.61. P Kelleway at Newmarket. 2½l, 4l. Frisca Maj (6–1) 4th. 8 ran.

3.45 LION'S LODGE HANDICAP (£1,389: 5f)
LORD SCRAP ch g by Tower Walk-La Concha 7-8-10 ... J Mercer (Evens Fav) 1
Mzuri ... R Hills (11-2) 2
Heather Croft ... A McGlone (11-2) 3
TOTE: Win: £1.80. Places: £1.40, £2.00, £1.00. DF: £4.60. CSF: £6.79. B Swift at Epsom. 2½l, ¾l. Lively Rose (10-1) 4th. 9 ran.

4.15 BERKELEY HANDICAP (£1,593: 7f)
FREE RANGE gr f by Birdbrook-Micky Golden 4-8-6 ... Angela Frampton (12-1) 1
Stam ... R Cochrane (8-1) 2
Ecclesfield ... J Mercer (6-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £11.40. Places: £2.60, £2.20, £2.20, £3.20. DF: £43.40. CSF: £92.86. Tricast: £559.80, J Holt at Basingstoke. 1l, hd. Adjusted (20-1) 4th. Match Master (11-2 fav). 17 ran. NR: Bionic Bill.

4.45 BREAM STAKES (2-y-o: maidens: £1,149: 6f)
GOLDEN CAPISTRANO b c by Dominion-Blackette 9-0 ... G Duffield (3-1) 1
Ubique ... Pat Eddery (4-7 fav) 2
Sir Joshua Wyley ... G Baxter (16-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £4.60. Places: £1.90, £1.10. DF: £2.20. CSF: £5.03. M Prescott at Newmarket. ¾l, 7l. Sam Pete (14-1) 4th. 7 ran. NR: Quick Fling.

5.15 RIVER STAKES (Div II: maidens: £1,063: 1m)
SOME SUNNY DAY br fby Radetsky-Dorry Willow 8-11 ... G Duffield (8-1) 1
Monaco Lady ... J Mercer (4-6 fav) 2
Palace of Love ... D Dinsley (10-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £5.40. Places: £1.90, £1.00. DF: £3.40. CSF: £10.02. C Benstead at Epsom. ¾l, 1¼. Gennaro (110-30) 4th. 6 ran. PLACEPOT: £4.85.

Newton Abbot

2.15 DART CHASE (handicap: £1,850: 2m 150yd) (7 runners)
1 f-12 Corby Glen, 11-11-10 ... S Morshead
2 03-1 Zelda's Fancy, 8-11-4 ... M Hammond 4
4 f-41 Chelsea Bar, 9-10-3 (7ex) ... Mr R Dunwoody 7
5 0p0- Wellop (B), 8-10-2 ... H Davies
6 p-22 North Yard, 7-10-0 ... P Hobbs
7 p00- Durham Lad, 10-10-0 ... A Webber
12 00/f Wine, 7-10-0 ... L Bloomfield 4
15-8 Corby Glen, 11-4 Zelda's Fancy, 100-30 Chelsea Bar, 8 North Yard.

2.45 WOMBAT HURDLE (Handicap: 2m 5f 110yd)
4 210- Leodegrance, 7-11-7 ... R Weaver
5 003 Gazsan, 5-10-13 ... R Hughes
8 00-0 Suez, 4-10-3 ... H Davies
10 333 Gallant Relic (B), 8-10-0 ... P Hobbs
8-11 Leodegrance, 7-2 Suez, 9-2 Gazsan, 8 Gallant Relic.

3.15 CAMEL CHASE (Novices: £1,512: 2m 5f) (10)
1 142 Bargello Son, 6-11-10 ... M Yeoman 7
2 Bingsale, 8-11-5 ... J Lovejoy 4
3 04/0 Chantenay Supreme (B), 7-11-5 ... Mr G Edwards
4 f0-4 Grange Heights, 8-11-5 ... M Cronin 7
6 32f Owen Gail, 7-11-5 ... –
6 4-03 San Benito, 6-11-5 ... R Millman 4
9 043- Scottish Sound, 7-11-5 ... R Linley
13 r-0p Tavy Lord, 5-11-1 ... M O'Halloran
14 f- City Parade, 9-11-0 ... L Bloomfield 4
15 000- Madame Katriee, 6-11-0 ... –
9-4 Scottish Sound, 11-4 Owen Gail, 7-2 Bargello Son, 8 Bingsale.

3.45 TEIGN CHASE (Handicap: 3m 2f 100yd) (8)
3 30-1 Topeka, 7-12-0 (7ex) ... P Hobbs
5 40-0 Gin N' Lime, 9-11-5 ... P Scudamore
6 p-u2 Knight of Love, 8-11-4 ... Mr S Bush 7
7 123 Sir Tacks, 11-11-4 ... Mr P Hobbs 4
8 pp-2 The Ommaroo (B), 10-10-12 ... C Brown
9 f0p- Round the Twist, 7-10-12 ... R Rowe
10 003- John Silver, 7-10-8 ... R Hyett
12 040- Rheinray, 8-10-0 ... J Bryan 4
7-4 Topeka, 5-2 Gin N' Lime, 4 The Ommaroo, 5 Sir Tacks.

4.15 OKEMANT HURDLE (Novice selling: 2m 150yd) (16)
1 132 Misty Fantan, 7-11-12 ... –
2 0-04 Fly More, 7-11-5 ... –
4 00-0 Ica (B), 6-11-5 ... –
5 0-00 Ken Lake, 10-11-5 ... P Croucher 7
6 00-0 Malley Lane (B), 7-11-5 ... –
7 0p0- Monte Acuto, 9-11-5 ... –
8 00-0 Pampas Melody, 7-11-5 ... Mr Frost 4
10 -002 Restless Captain, 5-11-5 ... –
11 040 Ringabing, 5-11-5 ... Steve Knight
13 00-p Testing Times (B), 5-11-5 ... Miss S Waterman
14 000- Violino Fandango, 5-11-5 ... –
17 1/00- Belvoir Rose, 5-11-0 ... M Hammond 4
19 0-0 Bridoon, 8-11-0 ... Mr Richards 4
20 3-22 Cill Dara Mist, 8-11-0 ... J Hurst 7
23 0-00 Frances, 9-11-0 ... P Nicholls 4
25 p0p- Kerlama, 7-11-0 ... R Millman 4
11-8 Misty Fantan, 5-2 Cill Dara Mist, 4 Restless Captain, 8 Fly More.

4.45 TAMAR HURDLE (Novices: £763: 2m 5f 110yd) (10)
2 00-1 Don Tomy, 5-11-13 ... H Davies
4 1 Le Beau, 5-11-13 ... P Scudamore
6 p0-1 Breac Ban, 5-11-8 ... R Rowe
7 0-0 Devon Minnow, 6-11-8 ... Mr Frost 4
8 432- Grange Glen, 6-11-8 ... –
9 0- Mr Seagull, 5-11-8 ... P Leach
11 44-3 Sir Fly, 8-11-8 ... Mrs Dickin 7
19 04-4 Free Choice, 5-11-3 ... P Hobbs
20 000- Just Bluffing, 6-11-3 ... P Carvill
22 00-0 Bravo Song, 4-11-0 ... S McNeill
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2.15: 1, Brown Shadow (4-5 fav); 2, Typeset (100-30); 3, Maximain (14-1). 4 ran.
2.45: 1, Double Step (5-2); 2, New Lyric (6-4 fav); 3, Fabian Song (6-1). 7 ran.
3.15: 1, Allende (3-1); 2, Mean Dippa (8-1); Tongaunian (6-1). 7 ran. NR: Fair Sara.
3.45: 1, GOLD STICK (12-1); 2, General Patterns (3-1); 3, Irish Noble (11-4fav). 9 ran.
4.15: 1, CULM PORT (8-11fav); 2, Jacko Boy (3-1); 3, Small Tom (7-2). 4 ran. NR: Hy-Ko, Landes Slave, Meeting Hill.
4.45: 1, ALEOS (8-13fav); 2, August Moon (5-2); 3, Bridegroom (20-1). 7 ran.

Southwell

2.15: 1, Stately Maiden (5-2); 2, Alan Stuart (25-1); 3, Able Sailor (6-4 fav). 11 ran.
2.45: 1, Winter Words (15-8 fav); 2, Brigadier Green (15-2); 3, Metro Maid (14-1). 10 ran.
3.15: 1, Dear Remus (9-2); 2, Gold Shoveler (2-1); 3, No Further (20-1). 6 ran. Anthony of Padua (7-4 fav). Nr: Ask Me Nicely.
3.45 1, Gazetter (7-2); 2, Chef Marcel (11-4 fav); 3, Airgiae (7-2). 6 ran.
4.15 1, Bischem City (7-2); 2, Tax Haven (11-4); 3, Lively Fella (7-4 fav). 6 ran.
4.45 1, Mighty Rim (3-1); 2, Silent Tango (3-1); 3, Red Toff (9-4 fav). 10 ran.

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TOTE: Win: 20. Places: 13, 16, 21. Straight forecast: 84. I Balding at Kingsclere. ¾l, ½l. All Systems Go 4th. 9 ran. 1m 38.3 sec.

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Residential property/Baron Phillips

A guide to the great tax getaway

Tax havens usually conjure up an image of Caribbean islands with exotic names where you can count your money under swaying palms.

But, as an increasing number of people are discovering, you do not have to travel so far. There are quite a number only a few miles off the English mainland, and in the past few weeks several have come on the market. The prices, however, rule out all but the rich, starting at around £500,000 and rising to more than £3m.

Jersey is by far the most popular of the tax haven islands. It is also the most difficult in which to be accepted as a full resident. Jersey's exclusiveness seems to breed the kind of envy which makes it first choice among tax exiles despite Guernsey's far easier access.

Hampton's local senior partner, Mr Paul Roberts, tells me that immigration to Jersey and where you live once you have been permitted to enter is strictly controlled. On average only about 15 immigrant visas are granted each year, apart from those given to essential workers. On a good year the figure can rise to 20, or it can be as low as 12.

Everyone knows you have to produce evidence of great wealth to be allowed into Jersey. There are no hard and fast rules, says Mr Roberts, and it will depend on the Jersey authorities' view of *you and your family*. He believes that annual income requirements can vary greatly, but he does not believe that people earning less than between £80,000 and £100,000 stand much chance of getting in. Those figures are a sort of benchmark on top of which you have to show evidence of wealth exceeding £2m. With that sort of money the immigrant would never be a burden on the state.

Passing the wealth test is only the first step. Next you have to find somewhere to live, and the Jersey authorities are very careful about where wealthy immigrants, as they are called, can reside. They are restricted to K Category homes, which without exception are expensive.

Mr Roberts says the cheapest wealthy immigrant property starts at around £120,000 which should buy you a comfortable flat. For a house expect to pay from £200,000 upwards for a pretty ordinary home, with about five bedrooms and about half an acre.

Serious immigrants must expect to budget at least £350,000 for a decent home, which shows that the Jersey market bears more relation to London prices than anywhere else in the United Kingdom. As a rough guide, prices are generally 50 per cent higher, at least, on Jersey than on the mainland and they are not getting cheaper. Over the past two years prices have been rising at around 12 per cent a year.

Of course there are compensations. Rates are incredibly low, despite a recent increase. The typical wealthy immigrant home attracts rates of between £300 and £400 a year, against as much as 10 times that in some parts of London. And apart from a tax rate of 20 per cent there is no VAT on goods.

Guernsey offers far greater freedom of entry. No wealth test applies and the property market is an open one provided you purchase a home in a specific price bracket, usually over £200,000.

Mr Roberts told me that property prices on Guernsey are about 20 per cent higher than on Jersey, presumably reflecting the greater choice.

The Isle of Man, 70 miles off the Mersey coast, is completely different. There are no conditions on anyone taking up residence and you can choose to live exactly where you want.

Mr Keith Kerruish, of the local firm Chrystal Bros, Stott and Kerruish, says you can buy a three-bedroom semi for between £28,000 and £33,000. But for a home overlooking the sea or with a fair amount of land, the price would be £100,000 plus.

The most expensive home to have been sold on the island this year was a large country house with five cottages and 200 acres set in picturesque parkland, not dissimilar to the Lake District, which fetched £475,000.

Unlike Jersey and Guernsey, prices tend to move up and down in tandem with mainland UK. Mr Kerruish says that local prices tend to lag a few months behind those in England and recently have been generally static. But at the top end of the market prices have shown gains of between 10 and 15 per cent during the past year.

Most people who move to the Isle of Man do so in search of an equable retirement home. If you want to work on the island you must obtain a permit from the local authorities. Like Jersey and Guernsey, tax is levied at 20 per cent, but VAT is payable.

For those who simply want to escape to an island for peace and solitude, rather than for tax purposes, agents like Strutt & Parker, Knight Frank & Rutley and Savills are those to contact. Any number of Scottish islands come on the market at prices which can appear *ludicrous*. But remember that living on an island can have major disadvantages. Everything you need must generally be imported, and is therefore more expensive, and you might be cut off from the mainland during the winter or bouts of storms.



A reported £3m is being asked for Ile de Brecqhou in the Channel Islands through the London agents Humberts. Measuring three-quarters by one-third of a mile, this tax haven lies seven miles off Sark and has been described by the owners as priceless. That hyperbolic description refers to the tax rate, which is nil. Included in the price is a manor house, four cottages, a farm and farm buildings on land of about 100 acres.

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BIRTHS

AUCHINLECK.–On August 29th, 1983, at B M H Wegberg B F P O 40, to Honor (née Mitchell) and Mark – a son (James Alexander), a brother for Sarah.

BARD – On August 28, 1983, to Sally (nee Eccles) and David – a daughter, Deborah Sarah Eleanor.

BONHAM – On August 26th, to Hessie and Tim, a daughter.

COLVIN – On 28th August at St. Thomas's Hospital to Caroline and David a son, Thomas, George, Carew.

GOLDMAN.–On August 30th, 1983, to Yve and Andrew – a daughter (Rosanna)

LEWIS-CROSBY – On August 26th, to Lucinda (nee Fraser) and John at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, a daughter, Mary Diana, a sister for Robert.

NEGRETTI – On August 28th, 1983, at the Lindo Wing, St. Mary's, Paddington, to Lucinda & Simon, a son (Guy).

PREVEZER – On August 28th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jane (nee Oppenheim) and Martin, a daughter (Sophie Marian Ruth), a sister for David.

RISSO-GILL – On 26th August to Gillian (nee Botterill) and Adrian at St Teresa's, Wimbledon – a daughter (Isabelle Sophia Georgina).

SAWYER – On August 28th, 1983, in Leicestershire, to Joanna (nee Perlwee) and Tim, a son (Edward Mark Gawain).

SINGH – On Sunday August 28, 1983, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jugnu and Ravi Singh – their first child, a son

TUBMAN – On August 26th, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to Michele and Brian, a daughter (Louisa).

VESTEY.–On 27th August, to Celia, wife of Lord Vestey – a son.

WETHERED – On August 23 in Brussels to Colleen (nee Ruane) and Thomas – a daughter, Emily Diana.

WINTERBONE.–On August 30, 1983, to Alex and Ian – a son (Toby Charles), a brother for Rachel.

BIRTHDAYS

HUGHES, Victoria Jane, 18 years old on the 29th August. Love and best wishes from Mum and Sister.

MARRIAGES

GILKS : SCRIVEN. – On Sat., Aug. 27th, at Oundle, Nicholas Weston Ramsay, elder son of Dr and Mrs A. W. Gilks, to Christine Ann, second daughter of Mrs Florence Scriven.

LUXMOORE-GODSEY – On August 18th, 1983 in Altrincham, Cheshire, Adrian Luxmoore to Page Godsey, now in Lausanne.

SALTER-MATHER – On Saturday, August 27th, 1983 at Murrayfield Parish Church, Edinburgh, Harry St John, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Salter, of Duffield, Derbyshire, to Elaine Shona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alistair Mather of Succoth Gardens, Edinburgh.

WILLIAMS : UDNY-HAMILTON.–On Saturday, 27th August, 1983, at Udny, James Frank to Margaret de Hauteville.

DEATHS

ASHFORD. – On August 24th 1983, in hospital, Joan, aged 86 years, of 22 Park Drive, Heaton, Bradford 9, West Yorks. Very dear mother of Tim and Sara. Service at St Barnabas Church, Heaton, Bradford 9, Friday, Sept 2nd at 2pm followed by cremation. Friends please meet at the church. No flowers please. If desired donations to the British Heart Foundation, 93a, Albion St, Leeds 1.

BACKWELL. – On August 29th, peacefully, in hospital, in Wiltshire, in her 86th year, Noel Backwell, beloved Aunt, great Aunt and friend. Cremation private. No flowers, but donations, if desired, to the The Wrens Benevolent Trust, 1a Chesham Place, London SW1.

BAKER – On August 28th, 1983, at Edenhall Nursing Home, Hampstead, peacefully, after a long illness, cheerfully accepted, Lady Jessie (Cherry) Raphael McCall (nee Findlay) of Loudwater, Rickmansworth, and Portpatrick, in her 75th year, within two days of her 48th wedding anniversary. Cherished wife of Sir George Baker, mother of Scott, Michael and George and much loved grandmother. Funeral service on Friday, September 2nd at St John's United Reformed Church, Hallowell Rd, [illegible]

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JOHNSTON – On August 30th, peacefully at Winchester Hospital after a short illness, Winifred Emily, widow of Frederick Johnston of the National Bank of India. She was in her 89th year.

JORDAN – On August 27th 1983 Peacefully at Raemoir, Peggy, much loved by Henry, Mary, Kit, and Molly, and her many friends. Cremation at Aberdeen Crematorium, Hazlehead, West Chapel, on Wednesday, August 31st at 11.45am.

McCARTHY. On August 10th, Henry Walker, late of The Manor Hotel, Hindhead. Cremation has taken place and his ashes interred in the family grave in Windsor

MISSEN – On August 27th, 1983, in hospital, Leslie Robert Missen, CMG, MC, of 34 Saxmundham Rd, Aldeburgh, aged 86, beloved husband of Muriel Sarah and father of John and David. Funeral (family only) at Ipswich Crematorium, followed by Service of Thanksgiving at Aldeburgh Parish Church on Thursday, September 1st at 3.00pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Aldeburgh Parish Church or RNLI c/o Tony Browne, The Triangle, Kelsale, Suffolk.

MURPHY Patrick Joseph on the 27th of August aged 51 of 15 Mayfield Road, Chingford, London E4, died in Ireland and was there laid to rest in Rathnew Cemetery, County Wicklow on the 29th of August. RIP.

NAYLOR. On Friday, 26th August, peacefully, in hospital, Dr Granville Rex Etchell, dearly loved and loving husband of Nathalie, and father of Ann, Damaris and Paul. Funeral service (for family only) in Gonville and Caius College Chapel on Monday, 5th Sept., followed by cremation. Family flowers only, please, but donations may be sent to The Treasurer, Caius House, Harroway Rd., Battersea, SW11. A memorial service will be held at the College during the coming term.

NEWLANDS – On August 26th, 1983, peacefully, after a long illness, at Charing Cross Hospital, Margaret MacDougall, of Heathfield Court, Chiswick, W4. Cremation at Mortlake at 3.30 pm on Tuesday, September 6th. All enquiries to W. S. Bond Ltd, 127 High Rd, Chiswick, W4. Tel: 01-994 0277.

PATTERSON. – On August 26th, 1983, peacefully, Mary Adeline, aged 90 years, after a life of love and devotion to her family of Villa Pax St Mary Church, Torquay. Beloved aunt of Malcolm and Neil Phelps. Requiem Mass at the Church of Our Lady Help of Christians and St Denis St Marychurch, Torquay, on Thursday, Sept 1st, at 10.00 am. Flowers may be sent to Torbay and District Funeral Service, Wellswood, Torquay.

PHILIPSON-STOW Guyon Philipson of Priors Court, Upper Pendock on August 27th aged almost 85. Funeral Pendock Parish Church on Friday September 2nd at noon. Family flowers only. Dearly loved.

POPHAM – On August 27, 1983, peacefully Surgeon Captain (D) R.N. (Rtd.), Benjamin Francis Stewart (Ben), beloved husband of Jane and father of Christopher, Louise, Sally and Letitia (and the many dogs) No flowers, please.

REES – On August 27th, 1983, David Glyndwr, senior Lecturer in Italian, University of Birmingham. Cremation at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Birmingham on Friday, 2nd September at 1pm. Flowers to V Morton & Sons, 705 Bristol Road South, Northfield, Birmingham or donations to The Heart Association, 15 Oberon Drive, Solihull, West Midlands.

SEYMOUR. – On August 25, 1983, at Bronglais Hospital, Aberystwyth, Muriel Jane, aged 95 years, of Aeron Retreat, Ciliau Aeron, Lampeter, a loved aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt and friend. Requiem Mass at the Catholic Church, Aberaeron, Thursday, Sept 1, at 11 a.m., followed by interment at St Peter's church, Lampeter. Inquiries to Gwilym C. Price & Son, funeral directors, Lampeter. Tel. 422673 and 422228.

SIMS – On August 26th, Rev Basil, peacefully in hospital. Dearly loved husband of Barbara and father of Andrew, Alison and Kate. Funeral at Redland Park Church, Bristol, 12 noon, Friday, 2nd September.

STOKES-REES – On 26th August, Major Humphrey John, Royal Artillery, retired, husband of Elaine. Requiem Mass, Haslemere RC Church, 11am, 1st September. Enquiries please to Luff and Partners. Tel: 0428 3524.

STONE.–On August 27th, 1983, peacefully, Major Frank Stone, M.C., beloved husband of Maud, of Greystones, co. Wicklow.

WALLACE – Peacefully on August 25th 1983, in Blandford Hospital, Christian aged 83 years, formerly of Stutton, Suffolk. Much loved wife of Commander P. K. Wallace R.N., private cremation at Salisbury, Monday 5th September at 3.30pm. No flowers, donations for Mother Theresa of Calcutta c/o Manager, Lloyds Bank, The Square, Mere, Warminster, Wilts. Memorial service will be held at St Nicholas Church, Child Okeford on Saturday September 10th at 12 noon.

WENMOTH – On August 26th at Parkside Clinic, Wimbledon, Marjorie Sands, formerly of Nightingale House, Strafford Road, Twickenham, aged 87. Dearly beloved Auntie B. Funeral service at St Mary with St Alban, Teddington, September 6th at 11.15am followed by cremation at Kingston. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to National Advertising Benevolent Society, 3 Crawford Place, London, W1. All enquiries to Fredk W Paine Ltd, Funeral Directors, 01 977 1527.

WHITWORTH.–On August 27th, 1983, after a short illness, Ian Henry Whitworth, TD, JP, FRICS, aged 64; years of Holkham, Norfolk, much loved husband of Helene and father of Robert, Sally and Lucinda. Funeral service private. Memorial service details to be announced later. Funeral Director S. T. Sutton, Freeman Street, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk.

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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Lee

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News, sport, weather, travel information.

6.30 Breakfast Time. Frank Bough and Sue Cook provide the chatter between news at 6.30, 7.00, 8.00, 8.30; regional news at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45, 8.15; sport at 6.43, 7.18, 8.18; Glynn Christian in the kitchen between 8.45 and 9.00.

9.00 Scooby Doo Where Are You? 9.20 Blue Peter Goes Silver! Highlights of the 1979 Egyptian expedition to swim the Red Sea, climb the Pyramids and be ejected by an unimpressed camel. 9.45 Jackanory (r) 10.00 Willo the Wisp. 10.05 Take Hart. 10.25 Closedown.

1.00 News, weather with Richard Whitmore and Fern Britton. 1.27 Financial Report and subtitled news. 1.30 King Rollo. 1.35 Bric-a-Brac.

1.45 The New Foresters. Woodsman Cliff Fennell and wood sculptor Greta Hopkinson work in the New Forest.

2.15 Film: Pleasure Cove (1979) Suffice it to say that this US TV-made film set at a hectic holiday paradise stars Tom Jones in a non-singing role (as a roguish charmer). Constance Forslund, Joan Hackett and Harry Guardino also appeared in what was meant to lead to a series halfway between The Love Boat and Fantasy Island.

3.50 The Flying Boats. During the First World War they were used to patrol the North Sea, and, later, were flown as far as India.

4.20 Play School (as on BBC 2, 10.30am) 4.40 Boss Cat. Vintage cartoon comedy with more than a whisker of Bilko (r) 5.05 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 The Children of Destiny. The 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet (r)

5.40 News, weather.

6.00 South East at Six.

6.25 Bugs Bunny.

6.35 Doctor Who: Black Orchid. Dr Peter Davison comes back down to Earth, circa 1925, in this two-part escapade set at a country manor. (r)

7.00 The Show Me Show. Those who are less than impressed with the superficiality of this self-styled popular science circus will perceive some sort of poetic justice in this edition, which instals presenters Maggie Philbin and John Craven as shop window dummies.

7.30 Film: Hanging By a Thread (1979) The title refers to the disabled cable car, still dangling 7,000 feet up a mountainside, though it could easily describe the over-stretched script. This uses Patty Duke Austin, Bert Convy, Sam Groom, Donna Mills and Cameron Mitchell.

9.00 News, weather.

9.25 The Life and Times of David Lloyd George. Penultimate chapter of Elaine Morgan's incurably romantic drama and yet another case of consecutive scheduling on BBC this week. No less than 10 programmes today either carry on from yesterday, or continue tomorrow. Meanwhile, Philip Madoc, as Lloyd George, sweeps back to power in a coalition with the Tories, and determines to solve the Irish Question. Last part, surprise, surprise, tomorrow (r)

10.25 International Athletics. Steve Ovett and Cram were due to compete at tonight's invitation meeting in Koblenz, West Germany.

11.06 News Headlines.

11.10 Flamingo Road. The week's second visit to the Road (not quite America's Coronation Street) produces a disaster. Sam and Fielding nosedive into the alligator-infested Everglades.

12.00 Weather and closedown.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain. Nick Owen and Anne Diamond back again with news at 6.30; 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 8.58; sport at 6.45, 7.45; competitions at 7.25, 8.25; David Bowie video at 7.55; Star Forecast at 8.05 with Gary Glitter; Chris Tarrant in ffny! at 6.55, 7.05, 7.35, 8.15, 8.45; Roland Rat in York from 9.00-9.25.

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9.25 Thames News Headlines, followed by Sesame Street. 10.25 Science International. Current research. 10.35 Sport Billy. Cartoon. 11.00 Island Wildlife. Along Ireland's 2,000 miles of coastline. 11.50 Cartoon Time.

12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Electric Theatre Show. John Doran's cinema series features film-maker Michael Mann, whose latest is The Keep.

1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Emmerdale Farm.

2.00 A Plus. Dr Rupert Sheldrake, the Cambridge plant biologist, explains to Elaine Grand his controversial theories of formative causation, nothing short of "A New Science of Life", the title of his 'heretical' book.

2.30 Racing from York. Three-race card covers the 2.35, 3.10 and 3.40.

4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. In Cowboyland (r). 4.15 Bugs Bunny. 4.20 Emu's World (r). 4.45 What's Happening. Current affairs quiz for kids.

5.15 Diff'rent Strokes. Domestic discord when Willis wants to join an elitist school society.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News.

6.25 What It's Worth. Maeve Robertson deals with consumer correspondence directed to the Channel 4 series.

6.35 Crossroads. Sharon tries to put Sid to shame.

7.00 Where There's Life ... There's, inevitably, death. But often failure to discuss it openly can make the passing of a loved one even harder to bare. Doctorly duo Buckman and Stoppard explain.

7.30 Coronation Street. Mrs Lawson demands the return of her carpet from Hilda.

8.00 Film: Charlie Muffin (1979) One week before Thames ushers in its ambitious, big budget, 12-part film series on the romantic life and dramatic times of suave super-spy Sidney Reilly, its Euston Films off-shoot repeats its previous, less satisfying, dabble with the genre. David Hemmings is the eponymous hero, grubby-macked, badly shod and the antithesis of his Saville Rowed superiors. But when a KGB chief hints that he wants to defect, it takes more than an old school tie to pull him in. Keith Waterhouse scripted from Brian Freemantle's book, but half as long would have been twice as good, as director Jack Gold should have known. A superb cast also sports Ian Richardson, Jennie Linden, Ralph Richardson, Sam Wanamaker and Pinkas Braun as the wily General Kalenin.

10.00 News at Ten, followed by Thames News Headlines.

10.30 Film: Night of the Juggler (1979) He's a psychopath who thinks he has the daughter of a property tycoon. In fact she's the daughter of former cop. James Brolin, who made his name as a lookalike lead in Gable and Lombard, plays the desperate father, determined to find his daughter. Cliff Gorman, Abby Bluestone also star while director Robert Butler makes sure the Big Apple looks as rotten as it reads in William P. McGivern's original novel.

12.20 Night Thoughts.

Lucelia Santos, Fabio Junior: Romeo and Julieta (Channel 4, 9.00 pm)

● In ROCKY CIRCUS (BBC2, 7.30pm), Jack Pizzey cleverly chose as the subject of his first shot as a producer, resilient rock star Gary Glitter. He really couldn't fail. Unlike showman Gerry Cottle, who chose Glitter to save his fast-fading travelling circus. He couldn't win. In this cruelly enjoyable documentary, Pizzey's heartless cameras close in as the aging pop star rehearses desperately against the clock for his most curious come-back (at the end of a fly-wire, like some grotesque Peter Pan). The idea was to mix the trappings of Glitter's gaudy, reverberating rock show with the trapeze, clowns, acrobats, jugglers, horses and other traditional attractions of Cottle's Circus, for whom it is usually a case of getting the Big Top into camp. Here, however, it was more of getting camp into the Big Top. But Glitter is,

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to his eternal credit, if not his credit-worthiness, a grafter and, from all appearances, a good sport, even when he's in danger of losing.

● CHILE – TEN YEARS OF A STRONG MAN (Channel 4, 10.55pm) is an economic portrait of Chile after a decade of the dictator Pinochet, and it's not a pretty sight. On 11th September Street, built in Saniago to commemorate the right-wing coup that despatched the popular Allende administration, office blocks are empty and shops boarded-up. Modern estates are also ghostly, because no-one can afford the houses. Fabienne Serban-Schreiber's independently-made film also bears tales of middle class housewives digging roads in the capital so that they can be eligible for social security. A piece of obviously committed film-making (in collaboration with the exiled author Carmen Castillo) this impassioned study lays the blame squarely on Pinochet's monetarist shoulders.

● Queen Victoria would not have been amused by BLINDED BY THE LIGHT (Radio 4, 3.00pm), the Afternoon Theatre by Harry Duffin. A bored teenager is giving Her Majest (or her statue at least), a lethargic lathering when he meets a girl, unemployed and unimpressed by the Youth Opportunities Scheme that has brought him into such unaccustomed intimacy with the ruling class. The young couple devise a protest against unemployment, but an ambitious reporter turns their prank to tragedy. Colin Meredith and Sue Jenkins play the youngsters.

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Orpheus Britannicus. 6.55 Geology. The Captián Reef. 7.20 Things Present, Times Past. 7.45 History of Mathematics. 8.10 Closedown.

10.05 Gharbar. Indian song and dance.

10.30 Play School: The Fox and the Crow, Aesop's fable (then on BBC1, 4.20pm). 10.55 Closedown.

5.10 Caste and Sect: The Ravidasis of Birmingham. Untouchables, touchy about their status, have formed a sect to improve their social standing.

5.35 F.A.C.T.S. Daily football training programme deals here with shooting at goal. Keegan, Wilkins, Brooking and Blissett receive the wisdom of Robson, Hurst and Venables (r).

6.00 Topper* Comedy from the Fifties with Leo G. Carroll.

6.25 Schools Prom. The last edited visit to the Royal Albert Hall to enjoy the sounds of young music-makers.

6.55 News, weather.

7.00 Vikings! 1066 and all that investigated by Magnus Magnusson (r).

7.30 Rocky Circus. Garish pop star Gary Glitter joins Gerry Cottle's circus (see Choice).

8.15 Chronicle over Egypt: Nefertiti and the Computer. And Magnus Magnusson, who time shifts from the Battle of Hastings (see above) to ancient Egypt to introduce this reappraisal of the reign of queen Nefertiti and the pharaoh Akhenaten. Ten years ago, an American, Ray Winfield Smith, brought the appliance of science to bare on the remains of the temple that Akhenaten devoted to his own worship in Karnak 3,300 years ago. Winfield Smith used the computer to provide an approximation of the temple's shape and size (r).

9.00 East Lynne. From high priests to high passion in 19th century England, as Mrs Henry Wood's romantic melodrama reaches its ill omened conclusion. Martin Shaw, Lisa Eichhorn, Tim Woodward, Gemma Craven and Annette Crosbie led an impressive cast (r).

10.00 Good Time George. A treat for blues fans, a rare appearance by Memphis Slim as George Melly's special guest. The two trade blues at the Theatre Royal, Bury St. Edmunds.

10.30 Sing Country. Jim and Jesse, John D. Loudermilk, Porter Wagoner and Jimmy C. Newman did, at a Wembley Arena drowning in ten gallons at Easter. David Allan introduces excerpts from the International Festival of Country Music.

11.00 Newsnight.

11.50 Open University: Earthquakes. Real and simulated in. California. 12.15 Display and Recording. Controlling industrial processes electronically.

12.45 Closedown.

CHANNEL 4

5.30 Start Here. All about Magnetism, with Konrad the computerised robot and his young attendants. Early learning series.

6.00 Ulster Landscapes. Physical history series from across the Irish Sea concentrates this week on how Belfast has changed since the Fifties. New roads, bridges, one-way systems and pedestrian precincts to cope with the onslaught of the car are developments familiar to most British cities. The explosive sectarian outrages, of course, are not. But this series confines itself to economics rather than mainstream politics, and deals with inner city decay in terms of linen mill closures, dockland decline in terms of linen mill closures, dockland decline and decanting. More positive aspects are the building of houses more sympathetic to the city's architectural heritage than the high-rise flats of the sixties.

6.30 The Munsters* Veteran comedy actor Charlie Ruggles guests in this episode in which Herman needs to pass his test, so that he can drive a hearse (r).

7.00 Channel 4 News.

7.50 Comment. By Jack Straw, the Labour MP for Blackburn.

8.00 Brookside. Who has given Roger a shiny new tie pin? His suspicious wife would like to know.

8.30 Opinions. Bring back grammar schools, demands Elizabeth Cottrell, of the Centre for Policy Studies, in an argument which does seem rather like worrying about the state of the stable doors after the bolted horse has been shot. Comprehensive schools do not reflect the values of society, she claims. Next week, Professor Colin McCabe in praise of comprehensives.

9.00 Romeo e Julieta. Having a timeless, let alone universal appeal, means that anyone, anywhere can also take liberties with Shakespeare. This modernised version comes from Brazilian TV and has been "freely adapted" by Walter George Durst, and filmed against the baroque backdrop of Ouro Preto. Dark-eyed beauty Lucelia Santos and Fabio Junior play the star-cross'd lovers, as students from rival families. (subtitled).

10.45 Edible Gold. Shelley's Ode to the West Wind, read by Christopher Logue.

10.55 Chile – Ten Years of a Strong Man. Economic essay on Chile after a decade of dictatorship by General Pinochet. A firm advocate of Milton Friedman-style monetarism he seemed to have enjoyed something of a brief economic boom. But recent news bulletins have hinted at restlessness in the streets and economic failure of nightmarish proportions. (see Choice).

11.50 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News briefing.

6.10 Farming today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.

6.30 Today, including 6.45 Prayer or the Day; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 Today's News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 7.45 Thought for the Day.

8.43 Domestic Manners of the Americans. 3: "More about Pigs and Republican Equality" by Fanny Trollope. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News; Midweek: Henry Kelly.†

10.00 News; Gardener's Question Time. Listeners' questions.

10.30 Morning Story: "The Young Spy" by Alphonse Daudet. Read by Garard Green.

10.45 Daily Service.†

11.00 News; Travel; Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records.†

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice.

12.27 "Pay any Price" by Ted Albeury.† 1.55 Weather; Programme News.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Woman's Hour. Includes an interview with Audrey Head, chairman of the Unit Trust Association. And Ann Morish reads her own work "Cows Won't Hurt You".

3.00 Afternoon Theatre: "Blinded by the Light" by Harry Duffin. Comedy starring Colin Meredith as the youth doing a Y.O.P. job who is urged by a girl (Sue Jenkins) to stage a sit-in against redundancies among local corporation workers. The sit-in takes place on top of the statue of Queen Victoria that he is cleaning.† (see Choice).

3.47 Time for Verse. Poems about battles and battleships The selection is made by George MacBeth, and the reader is Anthony Hyde.

4.00 News; Just After Four. The life of a travel guide.

4.10 Nathalie Sarruate, French writer talks to Frances Donnelly.

4.40 Story Time: "The Secret Dairy of Adrian Mole, aged 13¾" by Sue Townsend.†

5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.

6.00 The Six O'clock News; Financial Report.

6.30 My Music: Quiz. Steve Race puts questions to Ian Wallace and Denis Norden, and Frank Muir and John Amis.†

7.00 News; The Archers.

7.20 Checkpoint. Investigation into listeners' problems of unfair dealings and injustice. With Roger Cook as the investigator extraordinary.

7.45 The Eagle and the Small Birds: 2: "Fatal Resentments". The second of four programmes charting the story of Soviet domination in Eastern Europe. Michael Charlton explains why he sees threats to the stability of the Soviet "empire" in eastern Europe.

8.45 Hugh Leonard – A Life of Reality. Liam Nolan presents a portrait of the humorous writer Hugh Leonard.†

9.30 Kaleidoscope from the Edinburgh International Festival. Includes a review of the Glasgow Citizens' Company production of Rosenkavalier, the comedy by Hugo von Hofmannsthal.

10.00 The World Tonight: News.

10.30 Son of Cliche. Comedy series.†

11.00 A Book at Bedtime: "On the Eve" by Ivan Turgenev. Read by Claire Bloom.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Voices in Harmony. Performances by choirs including the British Youth Choir and the Bruton School for Girls Chamber Choir.

12.00 News; Weather.

12.15 Shipping Forecast.

ENGLAND: VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (contd). 11.00 Study on 4: Modern Biography. 11.30-12.10am Open University: 11.30 Hume and Smith on Religion: 11.50 Restoration Theatre and Urbanisation.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Your Midweek Choice: part one. Fasch (Trumpet Conc in D – soloist, John Wilbraham); Bach (Oboe Sonata in G minor – soloist Heinz Holliger). Purcell (Music for a while – Ian Partridge, tenor). Kurpinski (Clarinet Conc – Ludwik Kurkiewicz, soloist) and Haydn (Symph No 4).†

8.00 News

8.05 Your Midweek Choice: part two. Faure (Dolly Suite), Suppe (Hab'ich nur deine Liebe – Elizabeth Rethberg, soprano). Raff (La fileuse – Joseph Cooper), and Gliere (suite: Red Poppy). Records.†

9.05 This Week's Composer: Beethoven. The works include the Piano Sonata in F minor, Op 2, No 1 – Ashkenazy; the Quintet in E flat for piano and wind instruments – Ashkenazy on piano. There are also songs performed by the baritone Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, including Mailied, Op 52, No.4.†

10.00 Schubert's Grand Duo: Peter Frankl and Tamas Varary, piano, play the Sonata in C major, D 812.†

10.50 Bach Motets: Furchte dich nicht (BWV 228) and Alnget dem Herrn (BMV 225). Gachinger Kantorei and Bach Collegiam, Stuttgart.†

11.20 Piano Trios: The Trio Zingara play the Hadyn in E major and the John Hall No 2: Scena.†

11.55 Strauss: a recital by Margaret Marshall (soprano) and the BBC SO. Includes Four Last Songs.†

1.00 News.

1.05 Haydn Quartets: The Chilingirian Quartet play the D, Op 33 No 6, and the C, Op 76, No 3.†

2.00 Kleiber and Kleiber: Corelli (Concerto Grosso, Op 6 No 8; Ravel (suite: Mother Goose); Interval reading at 2.45.†

3.35 Bach: William Bennet (flute) and Nicholas Kraemer (harpsichord) play the Sonata in B minor (BMV 1030).†

4.00 Choral Evensong: from the Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin in Tewkesbury. Sung by the Aldwyn Consort of Voices.†

4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasures: Natalie Wheen introduces works by composers such as Rameau, Ireland, and Tchaikovsky (Variations on a Rococo theme).†

6.00 Jazz Today: a selection made by Charles Fox.

7.00 Schubert and Wolf: Songs sung by Friedrich Schorr and John McCormack. They include Schubert's Am Meer and Wolf's Ganymed.

7.30 Proms 83: from the Roual Albert Hall. Part one. Beethoven and Dvorak (see panel for full details).†

8.20 Six Continents: Angus McDermid selects items from foreign radio broadcasts.

8.40 Proms 83: part two. Prokofiev (see panel).†

9.35 The Helpmate: Derek Godfrey reads Constance Garnett's translation of a Chekhov short story

9.50 Music for Accordion: Mogens Ellegaard plays Per Norgard's Introduction and Toccato, and Vaga Holmboe's Sonata. Op 143.†

10.10 Mozart Piano Sonatas. Misuko Uchida plays the C (K 545) and the F major (K535).†

10.50 The Zemlinsky Quartets: The Lasalle String Quartet play the No 3. Op 19 Record †

11.15 News Ends at 11.18

VHF ONLY – OPEN UNIVERSITY: 11.20pm Acts, Actions and Meanings 11.40-12.00 French Ulversities on Strike (1).

TONIGHT'S PROM

7.30 Beethoven: Overture – Coriolan.
Dvorak: Cello concerto in B minor. Soloist: Yo Yo Ma.

8.40 Prokofiev: Symphony No 5 in B flat major.
Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, under Sir Charles Groves.
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Radio 2

News on the hour every hour (except 8.00 pm and 9.00) Major bulletins: 7.00 am, 8.00, 1.00 pm and 5.00 (MF/MW). 5.00 Ray Moore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan.† 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00 Music While You Work.† 12.30 John Craven† including 2.02 Sports Desk. 2.30 Ed Stewart† including 3.02 Sports Desk. 4.00 David Hamilton† including 4.02, 5.30 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn† including 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (medium wave only) 7.28 Cricket Desk. 7.30 Overture and Beginners. Billy Milton introduces music from the theatre by Gershwin, Puccini, Noel Coward, Shostakovich and others.† 8.15 Listen to the Band.† 9.00 The Organist Entertains; with Nigel Ogden.† 9.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for The Memory. 9.57 Sports Desk. 10.00 Funny You Should Ask Me. Quiz about the world of entertainment. 10.30 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight at the Edinburgh Festival, including (stereo from midnight) 11.02 Sports Desk. 1.00am Folk in 2. 2.00-5.00 Charles Nove presents You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.00 am until 8.30 pm and then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight (MF/MW). 6.00 am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Smith. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.00 Steve Wright with the Radio 1 Roadshow in Westward Ho 12.30 Newsbeat 12.45 Andy Peebles. 2.00 Gary Davies 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat 7.00 Radio 1 Mailbag 8.00 Richard Skinner 10.00-12.00 John Peel † VHF Radios 1 and 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2 10.00 pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 6.30 Diversions. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Kings of Jazz. 7.45 Report on Religion 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Brahms' Miniatures 8.30 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Musical Yearbook. 10.15 Whip Hand 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Listening Post. 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook 12.25 The Farming World 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 I Call it Genius. 2.15 Report on Religion 2.30 Women in Love 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Diversions 8.00 World News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 The European Court of Justice. 9.00 Network UK 9.15 Short Story. 9.30 Jazz for the Asking. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Whip Hand. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Listening Post. 12.45 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. 1.15 Outlook 1.45 Here and Now 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK 2.30 The European Court of Justice 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 From the Promenade Concerts 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours 5.45 The World Today
(All times in GMT)

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN
† Stereo. ★Black and white (r) Repeat.

BBC 1 WALES: 1.27-1.30pm News of Wales headlines. 4.18-4.20 News of Wales headlines. 6.0-6.25 Wales today. 12.0 News of Wales, Weather, Close. SCOTLAND: 9.0-10.25am Closedown. 1.25-1.30pm Scottish News. 6.0-6.25 Reporting Scotland. 12.0 Scottish News, Weather, Close. NORTHERN IRELAND: 9.0-10.25am Closedown. 1.27-1.30pm Northern Ireland News. 4.18-4.20 News at Six and Summerscene. 12.0 Northern Ireland News. Weather, Close. ENGLAND: 6.0-6.25pm Regional News Magazines. 12.5am Close.

S4C Starts 2.20pm Ffalabalam. 2.35 Interval. 4.05 Full Life. 4.35 Wine Programme. 5.00 Pili-Pala. 5.05 Ar Lan Y Môr. 5.35 Munsters. 6.05 Brookside. 6.30 WKRP in Cincinnati. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Cyfle Arall. 8.00 Llun Ar Y Sgrin. 8.25 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 9.00 Film: Once They Marched Through a Thousand Towns (Danny Kaye). 11.15 Opinions. 11.45 Eleventh Hour. 1.15am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Unicorn tales 10.00 Morning serial 10.30 New Fred and Barney Show 11.00-12.00 Spirit of Malcolm Miller 1.20pm-1.30 News 2.30 Bionic Woman 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00 Crossroads 6.25-7.00 News 12.20am Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

GRANADA As London except: 10.25am Film: King Solomon's Mines. 11.40-12.00 Apple Dolls. 1.20pm-1.30 Granada Reports. 2.00-2.30 Music On The Move. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads 6.30 News. 6.35-7.00 Chip In. 12.20am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 10.25am-12.00 Son of Monte Cristo (Louis Hayward). 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Carry on Laughing. 12.20am Postscript. Closedown.

ANGLIA As London execpt: 10.25am Billiards. 11.10 Mildenhall Air Fete '83. 11.20-12.00 Sport Billy. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.20am All About Sects. Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 10.25am To the Wild Country. 11.15-12.00 Katuex. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15 Tales at Teatime. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Video Entertainers. 12.20am Late Call, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 10.25 Beyond Westword. 11.15 Flying Kiwi 11.45-12.00 Laurel and Hardy*. 1.20pm-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Coast to Coast. 12.20am Company. Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: Starts 12.10pm Button moon 1.20-1.30 News 5.15 Puffins pla(i)ce 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Channel report 6.30-7.00 Carry on Laughing 12.20am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 10.25am Paint Along with Nancy. 10.55 Poseidon Files. 11.45-12.00 European Folk Tales. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.20am News, Closedown.

HTV WEST 10.25am Wilkie in Winter. 10.50 Dinah Saur Show. 11.00 Buttonville. 11.25 Flying Kiwi. 11.50-12.00 Cartoon. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.20am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

TYNE TEES As London except: 10.25am Cartoon 10.40-12.00 Film: Happiest Days of Your Life. 1.20pm News 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs Are. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.20am Epilogue, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Day Ahead 10.30 Professor Kitzel. 10.40 Black Beauty. 11.04 Stingray 11.30-12.00 Adventures of Niko 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.35 Cartoon. 12.20am News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 10.25am Portraits of Power. 10.50 How We Study The Sun 11.00 That Girl. 11.30 Vicky the Viking 11.55-12.00 Professor Kitzel. 1.20pm-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.20am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am-9.30 First thing. 10.25 Lost Kingdom. 10.50 Galway Way 11.50-12.00 Cartoon. 12.30pm-1.00 Question of Stars. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Over the garden wall 6.00-6.35 Summer at six. 12.20am News, Closedown.

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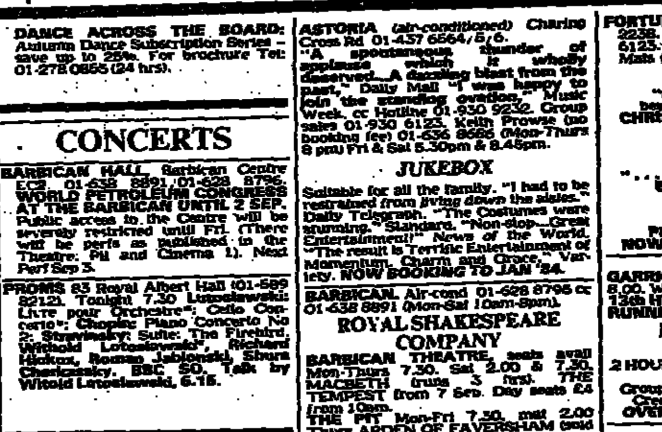
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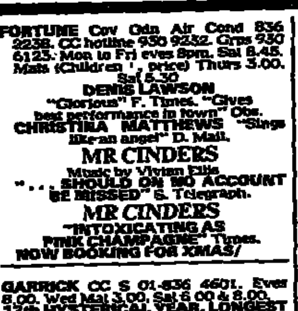
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Ruthless visionary who led his country into peace and war

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

The decision of Menachem Wolfovitch *Begin to resign* as Israel's sixth Prime Minister marks the end of an era in Israel, where he has remained one of the most formative figures since being elected to the first Knesset in 1949 as founder of the right-wing Harut (Freedom) Party.

A powerful and often vituperative orator (claimed by friends to be fluent in 10 languages), Mr Begin, the ruthless commander of the free state Jewish terror group *known as the Irgun Zvei Leumi*, has subsequently emerged into perhaps the most popular politician Israel has known. He has certainly always been one of the most controversial.

To meet in private, Mr Begin was always polite, courteous and a stickler for protocol. It was hard to reconcile his persona with the British warrant issued for him by the Palestine Police in 1946, which spoke of "a tall angular man with the thin lined face of a fanatic, jet black hair and myopic eyes behind thick lenses, he is the type of irresponsible, uncompromising rebel, thirsting for personal power".

Those closest to Mr Begin during his six years in power after an often frustrating career on the back benches (excluding three years in a national unity government) have tended to be those who fought alongside him in the Jewish underground. They are still often referred to as members of the "fighting family".

One observer described the four main influences on Mr Begin's long career as his Zionist mentor, the revisionist leader Vladimir (Zeev) Jabotinsky; the Nazi holocaust in which he lost his parents and a brother; his devoted wife Aliza, who died last November after 42 years of marriage; and his overriding conviction that the Occupied West Bank is part of Israel's God-*given territory*.

Only a week after the 1977 election which brought his Government to power, Mr Begin outlined his philosophy. "I believe Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) are an integral part of our sovereignty", he said. "It is our land. It was occupied by Abdullah (the King of Jordan) against international law, against our inherent right. It was liberated during the Six Day War, when we *used our rights* of *national self-defence...you annexe foreign lands, you do not annexe your own country*".

Born in Brest Litovak on August 16, 1913, Mr Begin became leader of the Betar youth movement, whose motto was "Ra Kach" ("Only Thus") and whose emblem was a rifle waved across both sides of the Jordan River. It was no coincidence that he and his wife were married in the Betar uniform, as their relationship was an intellectual as well as a physical match legendary in international politics for its strength and warmth.

With the outbreak of hostilities in Europe, Menachem Begin soon became a Soviet prisoner in Siberia. He first came to Palestine as a private in the Polish Army and was reunited with his wife, who had already escaped there. He took command of the Irgun, but insists that he never desered from the Polish forces (last year he threatened to sue the *Daily Telegraph* for suggesting that he did, indicating the store he has always set by absolute loyalty). Unlike one of his most daring lieutenants, Mrs Geula Cohen, *who subtitled* her book "Memoirs of a Terrorist". Mr Begin angrily refuses to acknowledge the description. Despite a campaign which included he blowing up of the King David Hotel, the hanging of two British sergeants *in 1947 and the Deir Yassin* massacre in which more than 200 Arab men, women and children were killed.

During the turbulent free state "period, the young Mr Begin rapidly displayed the qualities of leadership which have marked his period as prim minister until the recent sad decline, which many commentators link directly to the invasion of Lebanon – the failed grand design of former Defence *Minister, Mr Ariel Sharon, which* Mr Behin sawctioned on June 6, 1982.

During the violent campaign against the British and Arabs in the 1940s Mr Begin is delieved never to have seen military action or to have fired a shot in anger, although he was responsible for planning violence on a wide scale and had a £10,000 price set on his head by the British.

The retiring prime minister, who presided over Israel's sixth and most divisive was, wrote in his autobiography that the life of ever man who fights for a just cause is a paradox. "He makes war to there should be peace. He sheds blood so there should be no more bloodshed," he explained then in language similar to that of his speeches justifying the Lebanon conflict. "That is the way of the world".

In the elections to the first Knesset, Herut won 14 seats, but it was destined to remain in opposition until 1977 – excluding the national unity period between 1967 and 1970 – leaving Mr Begin with a legacy of resentment

In the last few months, especially after the more recent death of deputy prime minister, Simcha Erlich, his closest confidant, Mr Begin has cut a lonely, occasionally tragic figure.

It is sometimes hard to remember, listening to his most tub-thumping speeches about *Israeli rights to the West Bank*, that the man criticized internationally for expanding Jewish settlements is still reviled by militant Jews for handing back the Sinai as the price for the Camp David treaty with Egypt, for which he won the Nobel Prize.

As he drove from the prime minister's office yesterday past the group of supporters still chanting "Begin, Begin, King of Israel," Mr Begin may have recalled a remark he made in 1979 concerning the Biblical area first conquered from Jordan in 1967. "My old age shall not shame my youth," he declared then. "I was born an Eretz Israeli and I will die an Eretz Israeli, and on this I shall not compromise one iota, even if they call me a traitor."

Israel without a leader

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quitting poitical life and that at a date yet unspecified he would be spell out publicly his reasons for stepping down. Previously Mr Begin has explained that he would use his retirerment ot write books, principally his memoirs.

● WORLD REACTION: Chancellor Kohl, of West Germany, has postponed his visit to Israel after being told yesterday by the Israeli ambassador that Mr Begin would resign (Michael Binyon writes). The decision spares the Chancellor the embarrassment of arriving in Israel during a *government crisis and having his* symbolic visit overshadowed.

No new date has been fixed for the trip, which Dr Kohl is anxious to undertake before his visit to three Arab countries in October.

Eygpt Would not expect a major change in Israel's policy when Mr Begin resigned, President Mubarak told journalists

But he also voiced the hope that nay new Israeli policy should "be in the right direction at least to reach a comprehensive settlement" for the region.

"We should not ignore that the Palestinian problem is still the main porblem in he area".

In Moscow *Pravda* said that even if Begin did step down, this would likely do nothing to change Israel's "aggressive expansionist" policy and Washington's support for it (AP reports).







● 1942: Mr Begin wearing his British Army uniform, with his wife Aliza ● Postwar: In the underground, with a £10,000 British price on his head, he is disguised as a rabbi ● 1948: Moving freely again, he kisse Irgun flag at a parade in Jerusalem





● *May, 1977: In from the wilderness. His election victory over the Labour Party becomes a family affair before he takes up the premiership* ● *December, 1977: All smiles with President Sadat in Isma Egypt, a summit precursor to the Camp David accords*

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Today's events

Music

Organ recital by Andrew Cooper, Ryde Parish Church, Isle of Wight, 8.

Organ recital by Harold Stover, St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, 11.

Recital by Diana Palmer (piano), David Palmer (baritone) and John Gough (piano), St John's Church, Vicar's Lane, Chester, 1.

Recital by John Shirley-Quirk, with Sarah Watkins (oboe) and Martin Isepp (piano), Sutton Place Heritage Trust, Sutton Place, nr Guildford, 7.30.

Walks

Georgian Ayr and Tower of St John, meet Town Hall, Ayr, 2.

Last chance to see

The Human Form, Alick Knox and Catherin McWilliams, Peacock Gallery, Creigavon, Northern Ireland: Mon to Fri 10 to 5, closed Sat and Sun (closes today).

Local Look: countryside exhibition, Brook, Isle of Wight: Mon to Sat 10.30 to 6.30, Sun 2.30 to 6 (closes today).

Weaving chairs paintings by Jane Reeves, Banbury Museum, 8, Horsefair, Banbury; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun (closes today).

The Octagon Summer Show: a display of crafts in THe Crafts Room, Octagon Gallery, 1, Lower Crescent, Belfast; Tues to Sat 10 to 1.30 and 2.15 to 5 (closes today).

Main Street Bygones – an exhibition of an Ulster Street in 1900, the Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh, Northern Ireland; Mon to Sat 10.30 to 6.30, Sun 11.30 to 7 (closes today).

The West Kent Brass Rubbing Centre, Rochester Cathedral crypt, Rochester; Mon to Sat 10.30 to 5, (closes today).

Exhibition of unique aircraft, the Museum of Flight, East Fortune airfield, North Berwick, East Lothian; open daily 10 to 4 (closes today).

On Tropical Wings, The Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, (closes today).

New exhibitions

Recent etchings and watercolours by Peter Thomas, Timaeus, 2a Salisbury Road, Moseley, Birmingham; Mon to Fri 10 to 4, Wed 10 to 7.30, closed Sat and Sun (ends Sept 30).

Colouring Metals, Stafford Museum and Art Gallery, The Green, Stafford; Tues to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 4, closed Sun and Mon (ends Oct 8).

Exhibitions in progress

The work of John Ruskin, Abbot Hall Art Gallery and Museum of *Lakeland Life and Industry*, Kendal, Cumbria; Mon to Fri 10.30 to 5.30, Sat and Sun 2 to 5 (closes Sept 18).

Action Portraits: Scottish press photographs, The Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Queen Street, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (closes Oct 20).

"Ambience": paintings and textiles by Annabel Ralphs and Jenny Bancroft, Oxford Gallery, 23 High Street, Oxford; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (closes Sept 14).

The Golden Age of Richard III, Gloucester City Museum and Art Gallery, Brunswick Road, Gloucester; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun (closes Oct 1).

Photographs of posters and paper ephemera of old Derby, Derby Museum and Art Gallery, The Strand, Derby; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, closed Mon and Sun (closes Sept 17).

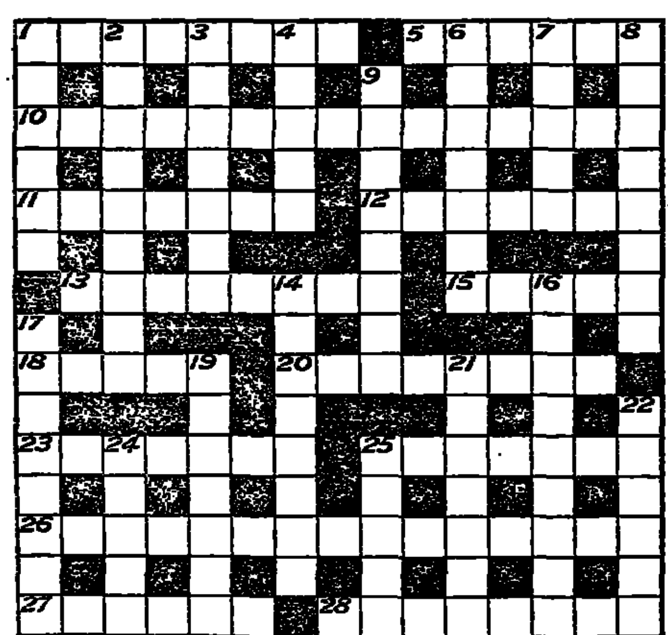
Paintings by Mervyn Charlton, Festival Gallery, 1, Pierrepont Place, Bath; Tues to Sat 11 to 5, closed Sun and Mon (closes Sept 10).

Through Children's Eyes, an Arts *Council touring exhibition*, Ferens Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square, Hull; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 4.30 (closes Sept 11).

Tomorrow's Technology Today, The Design Centre, 72 Vincent Street, Glasgow; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5, Sat 9 to 5 (closes Sept 10).

Celtic Art, Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, Oxford; Tues to Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 4 (closes Oct 4).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,222



ACROSS
1 Cancel immediately, we hear (5, 3).
5 Gets worn in the first of several strikes (6).
10 Waits for production of this book (1,9,5).
11 Such edible delight (7).
12 I am quietly learning to beg (7).
13 Giving speech, don't start being inaudible (8).
15 The long, not the Spanish, leather (5).
18 Island in which a river flowed (5).
20 Conquistador's not finished holding surgeon in warship (8).
23 Pools of it around in aircraft (7).
25 Promising youngster sated with Ruritania? (7).
26 Uninvolved as car crashes in the vicinity of Victoria (9,6).
27 Did a dance having brought in the catch (6).
28 Bowler, for instance, had to agree to differ (8).

DOWN
1 Successfully breaking the law can result in it (6).
2 He succeeds in transmuting their gold (9).
3 Building uninsured if I cease to provide cover for it (7).
4 Sell for double (5).
6 Here's the main part of 22 (7).
7 Give up oriental game to leading pro (5).
8 Roughly speaking what greengrocers do with a cloth border? (8).
9 To avoid work eat abroad (about £1) (8).
14 Cutting in is vice to be punished (8).
16 Stone might be so obsolete (3-2-4).
17 Trample on a piece of cake (4-4).
19 Offensive order given during a row (7).
21 Former spouse sat in the open (5).
22 It's powerless to fly (6).
24 Colour can turn up for instance (5).
25 Husky, they say, is a beast of burden (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,221

Anniversaries

Births: Caligula, Roman emperor AD37-41, Antium (Anzio). Italy AD12; Charles Lever, novelist (*Confessions of Harry Lorrequer*), Dublin, 1906; Maria Montessori, educator, Chiaravalle, Italy, 1870. Deaths: Henry (reigned 1413-22), *Bois de Vincennes*, France, 1422; John Bunyan, London, 1688.

New book – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

A *Private View*, by Irene Mayer Selznick (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £9.95)

Brothers, by Bernice Rubens (Hamish Hamilton, £8.95)

Diversity and Depth in Fiction, selected critical writings, by Angus Wilson, edited by Kerry McSweeny (Secker & Warburg, £15)

Donkey Work, by Edward Blishen (Hamish Hamilton, £8.95)

Light, by Eva Figes (Hamish Hamilton, £6.95, paperback, £3.50)

The Middle Kingdom, Inside China Today, by Erwin Wickert (Harvill, £12.50)

The Oxford Book of Narrative Verse, chosen and edited by Iona and Peter Opie (Oxford, £8.95)

The Oxford Companion to the Theatre, new edition, edited by Phyllis Hartnoll (Oxford, £20)

The Proprietor, by Ann Schlee (*Macmillan, £8.95*)

The Tolstoys, twenty-four generations of Russian History, by Nikolai Tolstoy (Hamish Hamilton, £8.95) PH

The papers

The Daily Star says that when the left starts to talk sweet reason – beware. Michael Meacher, the "Tony Benn-think alike" who is bidding for the Labour Deputy leadership, says that the party's nuclear policy must be one which commands the support of the majority of the people. "That sounds promising", the paper comments. "Its a fairly rare admission from some politicians that the people's views count at all." But it adds: "What a lot of pie in the sky. The electorate has already made up its mind on nuclear disarmament – and a whole lot of other policies foisted on Labour by the left wing. It rejected them – giving Labour its biggest drubbing in an election this century.

Nepszabadsag, The Hungarian Communist daily has added its voice to the chorus from the Eastern bloc in praise of Mr Andropov's proposals to scrap part of his SS-20 medium-range nuclear missile force. It said the latest offer by the Soviet *leader to destroy rather than* redeploy the dismantled missiles was proof of Moscow's willingness to go to the furthest possible extreme in the interests of disarmament.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.76	1.68
Austria Sch	29.00	27.60
Belgium Fr	83.50	79.50
Canada $	1.91	1.83
Denmark Kr	14.95	14.25
Finland Mkk	8.92	8.52
France Fr	12.45	11.90
Germany DM	4.15	3.95
Greece Dr	147.00	135.00
Hongkong $	11.60	11.00
Italy Lira	2470.00	2350.00
Japan Yen	384.00	366.00
Netherlands Gld	4.65	4.43
Norway Kr	11.63	11.06
Portugal Esc	189.00	180.00
South Africa Rd	1.99	1.84
Spain Pta	233.00	222.00
Sweden Kr	12.29	11.69
Switzerland Fr	3.38	3.22
USA $	1.54	1.49
Yugoslavia Dnr	192.00	165.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 336.5

London: The *FT* Index closed down 5.8 at 716.3.

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Roads

London and the South-east: A12: Major roadworks between Brentwood and Gallows Corner, Romford, Essex. A30: Reconstruction work at Staines by-pass, between Stanwell Moor Road and the Wraysbury roundabout. A282: All traffic sharing one carriageway under A296 intersection on Dartford Tunnel Approach Road.

Midlands: A38: Two-way traffic on one carriageway and diversion at Clay Mills, Burton upon Trent by-pass, Staffordshire.A1: Lane closures between junctions 5 to 6 (Birmingham north-east to Birmingham central).

Wales and West: A38: Lane closures at Marsh Mills viaduct and Lee Mill, Plymouth. A470: Temporary traffic lights at Erwood, Powys. A38: Lane restrictions at Bridgwater Road, junction of Bedminster Road, and Lewins Mead, Bristol. Repairs.

North: M1: Contraflow and occasional limited access to motorway between junctions 30 and 31 near Sheffield, Derbyshire and South Yorkshire. M6: Lane closures until October between junction 25 (A49 Wigan) and junction 27 (A520 Wigan/Standish), Greater Manchester. M62: Resurfacing between junction 11 and 12 (Warrington east to M63).

Scotland: M9: Two-way traffic on northbound carriageway between junctions 5 and 7 (Falkirk to Kincardine Bridge). M74: Southbound carriageway closed between junctions 2 and 1 (Larkhill and the end of the motorway).

Charity prize

Accountancy magazine, in association with the Voluntary Movement Group and the Charities Aid Foundation is offering an award of £1,000 for the best annual report and accounts published by a charity during the year to Sept 1st 1983. The closing date of entries is Sept 15. Forms and reports should be submitted to Miss Gillian Woolley, Baiden Barron Smith, 34 John Adam Street, London WC2N 6HW.

Fire hazard

This glorious summer weather increases the risk of forest fires which, if not matching the scale and horror of the recent ones in Australia, at least need to be treated seriously. The Central Office of Information urges walkers not to use forests if they are at "a high fire danger level". They repeat the familiar warning not to light fires, not to throw away cigarettes

Weather forecast

A slack ridge of high pressure in S will give way as a trough of low pressure appproaches W parts of Britain.

6am to midnight

London, SE, E, NE, central N England, East Anglia: Misty early, sunny periods, dry; wind variable light; max temp 18 to 20C (64 to 68F).

Central S, NW England, W Midlands, Channel Islands, Lake District: Misty at first, sunny periods, becoming cloudy with perhaps rain later; winds variable *light; max temp 18 to 20C (64 to 68F)*.

SW England, Wales, Borders, Edingburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Bright periods after early *mist*, becoming cloudy with rain later; winds *mainly* light to moderate; max temp 18 to 20C (64 to 68F).

Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth, Northern Ireland: Rather cloudy, rain spreading from W; winds mainly SE moderate to fresh, max temp 16 to 18C (61 to 64F).

NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy with rain at times, clearer later; winds *mainly* SW moderate to fresh occasionally strong; max temp 14 to *16C (57 to 61F)*.

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Rain spreading to all parts, followed by bright intervals and showers. Becoming cooler.

Sea passages: North Sea, English Channel (E), Strait of Dover: Wind variable light or moderate; sea slight. St George's Channel: Wind southerly light or moderate increasing fresh or strong; sea slight becoming moderate. Irish Sea: Wind southerly moderate increasing fresh or strong perhaps locally gale in north; sea slight becoming moderate or rough.

Sun rises: 6.10am | Sun sets: 7.51pm
Moon sets: 2.45am | Moon rises: 11.13pm
Last Quarter 12.22pm.

Lighting-up time

London 8.21 pm to 5.42 am
Bristol 8.30 pm to 5.52 am
Edinburgh 8.41 pm to 5.46 am
Manchester 8.33 pm to 5.47 am
Penzance 8.40 pm to 6.06 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	20	68	Guernsey	s	18	64
Birmingham	s	19	66	Inverness	f	23	73
Blackpool	s	18	64	Jersey	s	20	68
Bristol	s	19	66	London	c	19	66
Cardiff	s	18	64	Manchester	s	20	68
Edinburgh	s	21	70	Newcastle	s	21	70
Glasgow	f	18	64	Ronaldsway	c	16	61

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 21C (70F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 6 pm, 66 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 4.6. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,019.3 millibars falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.

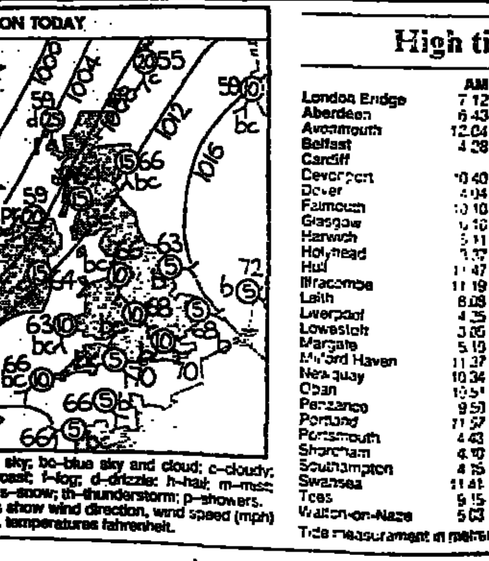
Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Aberdeen 27C (81F); lowest day max: Sumburgh 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, 0.64in; highest sunshine: Bristol, Cardiff, 12.3hr.

Our address

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b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

	AM	HT	PM
London Bridge	7.12	6.02	7.19
Aberdeen	6.43	3.07	7.31
Avonmouth	12.04	11.10	12.18
Belfast	4.38	3.01	5.06
Cardiff			12.09
Devonport	10.40	4.07	11.02
Dover	4.04	5.37	4.34
Falmouth	10.10	4.05	10.35
Glasgow	5.10	4.05	6.19
Harwich	5.11	3.05	5.22
Holyhead	3.37	4.09	4.02
Hull	11.47	6.03	
Ilfracombe	11.19	7.15	11.40
Leith	8.09	4.08	8.50
Liverpool	4.35	8.02	4.50
Lowestoft	3.06	2.01	3.38
Margate	5.19	4.02	5.29
Milford Haven	11.37	5.07	
Newquay	10.34	5.07	11.07
Oban	10.51	3.01	11.40
Penzance	9.50	4.07	10.14
Portland	11.57	1.05	
Portsmouth	4.43	4.03	5.10
Shoreham	4.10	5.07	4.48
Southampton	4.15	3.09	4.51
Swansea	11.41	7.09	
Tees	9.15	4.07	9.57
Walton-on-Naze	5.03	3.08	5.19

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.28ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
St Andrews					
Scarboro	11.2		21	70	Sunny
Bridlington	11.7		21	70	Sunny
Cromer	7.0		18	64	Sunny
Lowestoft					
Clacton	4.0		19	66	Sun pm
Margate			19	66	Sunny
Folkestone	7.7		21	70	Cloud am
Hastings	8.8		22	72	Sunny
Eastbourne	8.0		21	70	Sunny
Worthing	6.0		21	70	Sunny
Littlehmptn					
Bognor R	8.4		21	70	Sunny
Southsea	4.4		20	68	Bright
Shanklin	5.5		20	68	Bright
Bournemth	4.7		20	68	Sunny
Poole	5.5		20	69	Bright
Weymouth	6.0		21	70	Bright
Exmouth	11.9		20	58	Sunny
Torquay	11.0		19	66	Sunny
Falmouth	9.2		19	66	Sunny
Penzance	0.7		18	64	Sunny
Jersey	9.4		18	64	Bright
			23	73	Sunny

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Guernsey	8.0		20	68	Sunny
Newquay	7.3		22	72	Sunny
Ilfracombe	11.9		19	66	Sunny
Tenby	10.8		20	68	Sunny
Southport	11.1		20	68	Sunny
Morecambe	10.4		19	66	Sunny
Douglas	7.3		17	63	Sunny
B'ham (Airpt)	11.0		22	72	Sunny
Bristol (Ctrl)	12.3		22	72	Sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	12.3		21	70	Sunny
Anglesey	11.9		19	66	Sunny
B'pool (Airpt)	11.3		19	66	Sunny
Manchester	11.5		22	72	Sunny
Nottingham	11.2		23	73	Sunny
N'cstl-n-Tyne	10.0		23	73	Sunny
Eskdalemuir	6.4		19	66	Bright
Glasgow	7.5		21	70	Sunny
Tiree	6.9	.08	17	63	Showers
Stornoway	6.6	.31	16	61	Drizzle
Kinloss	4.9		22	72	Cloudy
Edinburgh	9.2		22	72	Sunny
Aldergrove	9.9		22	72	Sunny

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	26	79	Copenhgn	s	21	70	Majorca	s	29	84	Rio de Jan		[illegible]	[illegible]
Akrotiri	s	30	85	Corfu	f	27	81	Malaga	f	27	81	Rome		[illegible]	[illegible]
Alexandria	c	31	88	Delhi				Malta	s	31	88	Salzburg		[illegible]	[illegible]
Algiers				Dublin	c	20	68	Melbourne				Sao Paulo		[illegible]	[illegible]
Amsterdam	s	21	70	Dubrovnik	s	28	82	Mexico C				S Francisco		[illegible]	[illegible]
Athens	s	29	84	Faro	f	27	81	Miami				Santiago		[illegible]	[illegible]
Bahrain				Florence		28	82	Milan	s	24	75	Seoul		[illegible]	[illegible]
Barbados				Frankfurt	s	25	77	Montreal				Singapore		[illegible]	[illegible]
Barcelona	s	27	81	Funchal	c	23	73	Moscow	c	13	55	Stockholm		[illegible]	[illegible]
Beirut				Geneva	f	22	72	Munich	s	22	72	Strasbourg		[illegible]	[illegible]
Belgrade	f	26	79	Gibraltar	s	25	77	Nairobi				Sydney		[illegible]	[illegible]
Berlin	s	24	75	Helsinki	c	17	63	Naples	s	28	86	Tangier		[illegible]	[illegible]
Bermuda				Hongkong				New Delhi				Tel Aviv		[illegible]	[illegible]
Biarritz	s	24	75	Innsbruck	f	23	73	New York				Tenerife		[illegible]	[illegible]
Boulogne	f	21	70	Istanbul	f	26	79	Nice	s	27	81	Tokyo		[illegible]	[illegible]
Bordeaux	f	26	79	Jeddah				Oslo	c	16	61	Toronto		[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	s	22	72	Jo'burg				Ottawa				Tunis		[illegible]	[illegible]
Budapest	r	21	70	Karachi				Paris	s	24	75	Valencia		[illegible]	[illegible]
Buen Aires				Las Palmas	f	24	75	Peking				Vancouver		[illegible]	[illegible]
Cairo				Lisbon	s	24	75	Perth				Venice		[illegible]	[illegible]
Cape Tn				Locarno	f	25	77	Prague				Vienna		[illegible]	[illegible]
C'blanca	s	26	77	L Angeles				Reykjavik*		[illegible]	[illegible]	Warsaw		[illegible]	[illegible]
Chicago				Luxembg	s	25	77	Rhodes		[illegible]	[illegible]	Washington		[illegible]	[illegible]
Cologne	s	25	77	Madrid	s	27	81	Riyadh				Zurich		[illegible]	[illegible]

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

